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In prefacing his offer with an extraordinarily frank, yet seemingly desperate, national television broadcast last night, and with the White House today making a great publicity show of how much material was being offered, it seems undeniable that Mr Nixon was attempting to appeal over the heads of Congress to the people.

"In giving you these records, blemishes and all, I am placing my trust in the basic fairness of the American people . . . I hope and trust that when you have seen the evidence in its entirety, you will see the truth of that statement."

The White House professed to be swamped with favourable telephone calls, forgetting its many admissions of staging such a report. Congressman Rodino, House committee chairman, said that by mid-morning he had received 3,500 telegrams, mostly opposing the President.

The immediate objection, and it sounds a commonsense one, is that if the President can go as far as to bring embarrassment and ridicule on his head, as he said last night, then why stop short, why not give up the tapes?

The President will not be able easily to evade the accusation that he persists in trying to be judge in his own case. It is he who is making the contents public; the committee never asked him to do that. It is he who is offering far more than was demanded, and withholding what was requested.

The committee, acting with the House's constitutional "sole" power of impeachment, ordered the tapes to be produced. The reasons are obvious. Republican Congressman Cohen has explained that the voice inflections are vital; many others insist that the very authenticity of the tapes, so much in question after the 18½-minute gap, has to be open to independent verification.

The first summary is very inauspicious. By page four it is already mentioning "(unintelligible)" in the middle of key conversations.

Congressman Drinan, one of the Democratic hotheads on the committee, complained that the transcript was "[illegible]" with the word "inaudible".

On the substance, Mr Nixon risks raising more questions than he has answered, just as in his disclosure of his taxes last December he ended up by being forced to pay back sums of $500,000 (about £200,000), and with the question of fraud being investigated.

The summary today says: "In all of the thousands of words spoken, even though they are often unclear and ambiguous, not once does it appear that the President of the United States was engaged in a criminal plot to obstruct justice."

"Appear" is a dubious word. The document is more a plea not to take appearances and some of the apparently incriminating language at face value.

There are repeated instances. September 15, 1972, for example, when Mr John Dean met the President for the first time and gave him the "impression" he was aware of the Watergate cover-up.

Mr Dean's point was that the President congratulated him for having limited the case to the seven men actually arrested in Watergate. Mr Nixon now admits saying: "The way you have handled all this seems to me has been very skilful, putting your fingers in the leaks that have sprung here and sprung there."

Mr Nixon professes this was said only in the "politics of the matter" and was not referring to "a criminal plot, more to obstruct justice".

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The Queen greets Queen Margrethe of Denmark at Windsor yesterday. Queen Margrethe and Prince Hendrik, her husband, are on a four-day state visit to Britain (report, page 18).

Emergency debate on Mr Short's statement refused by Speaker

By Our Political Correspondent

A request by a Conservative MP yesterday for an emergency Commons debate on the statement (text, page 3), by Mr Short, Leader of the House, was refused by the Speaker. "No matter could be more inappropriate for an emergency debate", Mr Selwyn Lloyd told Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch and Lymington.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had told the House that Mr Short's statement, on his receipt of £250 from Mr T. Dan Smith 11 years ago, had his full approval, and had not involved work by the Civil Service.

The Speaker accepted a submission by another Conservative MP, Sir Harmar Nicholls (Peterborough), that an allegation about some Labour members being "available for hire" was a matter for the Committee of Privileges to consider. The allegation was made last week by Mr Joseph Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, who said yesterday that he would appear before the committee to substantiate his allegation. He feared, however, that his evidence would bring the House into greater disrepute than had his original article.

Mr Short, as Leader of the House, moved that the matter be referred to the committee; and Mr Short, if precedent is followed, will chair its investigation.

Some Opposition MPs are highly critical of the arrangement. They believe that since the payment by Mr Smith may well become a matter for investigation, Mr Short should have announced at once that he would not sit as chairman. Many privately believe he should resign his office, although it is acknowledged that during the period in question Mr Short was not in office, being Opposition deputy chief whip at the time.

Mr Smith was convicted with Andrew Cunningham at Leeds last week on charges of corruption, and jailed for six years. Mr Short said in his statement that until Mr Smith's exposure no one had suspected him of being other than a perfectly honest and honourable man.

That is also the recollection of other Labour MPs and there is some sympathy for Mr Short among those who knew of the work of Mr Smith and the Labour group in Newcastle. But some Labour members find Mr Short's explanation of the reason for accepting the cheque difficult to believe in need of clarification.

Mr Adley, in making his request to the Speaker yesterday, said Mr Short's statement should have been made in Parliament. It had raised more questions than it had answered.

Mr Wilson defended Mr Short after being asked by Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Conservative MP for Chelmsford, what part the Cabinet Office had played in the issue of the statement. Mr St John-Stevas had also referred to what he called the Prime Minister's achievement "in filling Whitehall with supporters of the Labour Party who are paid from public funds". That, he said, obliterated the constitutional distinction between government policy and party politics.

Mr Wilson replied that Mr St John-Stevas, a member of the Heath government, know well that government in Britain tended to be political, and no government was ever more political than the last one.

He was sorry that Mr St John-Stevas should wait to take up Mr Short's statement, "issued yesterday". In a chorus of protest Conservatives said it was issued at "2 am this morning".

Mr Wilson said: "This was a statement made on the responsibility of the Leader of the House with my full approval and did not involve the work of the Civil Service or anyone referred to by Mr St John-Stevas. It would be in accordance with the custom of the House to accept what was said and not hold the Leader of the House accountable for anything MPs do not agree with."

Mr Edward Milne, who has campaigned for several years for a Labour Party inquiry into alleged corruption in the North-east, and who won Blyth as an independent at the general election, said:

Mr Short's statement leaves many questions unanswered. We shall want to press him for more detail. I am very pleased that the Prime Minister has at last acceded to the request I made and that he has admitted the fact that you can have a royal commission and also have judicial inquiries at the same time. I was told time and again that this could not be done. A lot of heartsearching could have been avoided had we done this some 18 months ago, coupled with a close examination of the northern region Labour Party.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative MP for Chingford, said he was surprised Mr Short had not made a contribution to the Commons discussion the previous day on the royal commission on corruption.

Mrs Jill Knight, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston, said it was straining credulity somewhat to believe that Mr Short was unaware of the true character of Mr Dan Smith. "If he was just a friend, it seems very odd to me to charge him up for meals and telephone calls."

Mr John Pardoe, Liberal MP for Sheffield, North, praised investigations by the magazine *Private Eye*, which he termed "an exceedingly valuable publication".

Mr Wilson said he hoped to make a statement this week on "the whole question of an inquiry into the newspaper industry and the press".

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AUEW not to pay £47,000 to Con-Mech

From Raymond Perman
Labour Staff
Worthing

Penalization of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers by the National Industrial Relations Court seems inevitable after a union decision yesterday to continue to oppose the court.

The court will be abolished under the provision of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill, published yesterday.

The union's policy-making national committee, meeting at Worthing, decided by 41 votes to 11 not to pay £47,000 compensation awarded by the court to Con-Mech, a Woking engineering firm, and to continue to boycott court hearings.

The deadline for payment expired on Monday. Con-Mech's solicitors yesterday approached the court and a hearing was arranged for Friday. The company will ask it to order total sequestration of the union's assets.

Legal advisers are thought to have told the national committee that an appeal to a higher court against the Industrial Court's judgment stood little chance of success. Mr Hugh Scanlon, AUEW president, had favoured that course as a possible way of avoiding penalization without recognizing the Act.

The committee's decision represents a victory for the left wing and a rebuff for Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment. Last week he advised the committee to end its boycott

Bill omits TUC's more controversial demands

By Our Labour Staff

Mr Foot's Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill, which will repeal the Conservatives' hated Industrial Relations Act, basically returns unions to their legal status before the introduction of the Industrial Relations Act in 1971, with some minor alterations. Many of the more controversial provisions sought by the TUC, including stronger legal protection for pickets, an end to conscientious objection to union membership, and reinstatement as part of the compensation for unfair dismissal, have been omitted for the time being.

The Bill's main provisions will end the National Industrial Relations Court and abolish the Commission on Industrial Relations and the Registry of Trade Unions and Employers' Associations. The concept of "unfair industrial action" vanishes, and unions will no longer be open to civil action for damages in connexion with trade disputes.

Mr Foot has kept most of the provisions of the Industrial Relations Act relating to unfair dismissal, and in some areas has strengthened them slightly.

The Industrial Court will disappear as soon as the Bill becomes law. Cases before the court up to yesterday will stand, and will if necessary be continued in the High Court, including the action for damages against the engineering union. But cases brought from today and still pending when the court is abolished will be "abated"—that is, dismissed and forgotten, if they are still not settled by that date. That does not apply to redundancy payments or unfair dismissal cases.

The concept of "unfair industrial practice" is abolished, and unions regain their previous immunity against civil claims for damages. The immunity against inducing breaches of contract of employment is restored and extended to all types of contract, including commercial contracts.

On picketing, the law reverts to its former state. Peaceful picketing is legal, but picketing at someone's home continues to be illegal. TUC demands for stronger legal protection for pickets have been carefully avoided for the time being.

The Bill abolishes the right to belong to a registered union, but there will no longer be a right not to belong, except on the ground of religious objection. No one will be able to be dismissed simply for belonging to a union, but a man will be open to dismissal if he refuses to join the appropriate union where a closed shop operates at his place of work. The closed shop once again becomes legal.

TUC leaders wanted the conscientious objectors' clause removed as "unhelpful and unnecessary", but Mr Foot, taking care to make his Bill as non-controversial as possible to ensure its speedy passage, has retained it.

The Bill reverses the position under the Industrial Relations Act, where all collective pay deals were assumed to be legally binding unless otherwise stated. In future, to be legally binding

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Mr Field sues for libel

Mr Anthony Field, the man named in the "lands deals row" and brother of Mrs Marcia Williams, Mr Harold Wilson's political secretary, issued four High Court writs yesterday claiming libel damages.

Mr Field, in his full name of Harry Anthony Field, of Willow House, Towcester Road, Blisworth, Northamptonshire, has issued one writ against the Evening Standard Co Ltd, two against Associated Newspapers Ltd, publishers of the London *Evening News* and the *Daily Mail* and one against Birmingham Post and Mail Ltd.

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Peter Nichols
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sion was tken afr here yestrday an g betweenhe min- ters in charge of the Treasury, the budget and foreign trade. A session of the Italian Cabinet was called for tonight.

Our Special Correspondent writes from Luxembourg: Italian plans to introduce draconian measures to curb inessential imports were greeted with dismay by EEC officials in Brussels and Luxembourg today.

The European Commission had been informed in advance by the Italian Government of its plans. Rumours that the British might follow suit were rapidly squashed by British officials.

Most of the commissioners were in Luxembourg for today's meeting of agriculture and development aid ministers. Urgent consultations were immediately begun.

The Italian government's plans to ask for cash deposits is clearly in breach of the EEC's principle of free movement of goods throughout the Community.

The Italians however, consider they are covered by Article 109 of the Treaty of Rome, which allows member states to take "necessary measures" in the case of a sudden balance of payments crisis.

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Protestant-Catholic school sharing proposed by Ulster minister

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

In the face of predictable hostility within both Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in Northern Ireland, Mr Basil McIvor, Minister of Education in the Ulster Executive, announced yesterday that he wanted to introduce a new system of "shared schools", in which Protestant and Roman Catholic children would be educated together under joint church management.

The scheme, which is to be considered by education area boards and teachers' associations as well as by the churches, may one day end the rigid system of segregated education in Northern Ireland.

Mr McIvor, a Protestant, one of the Unionist members of the Executive, said last night he would be glad if the idea stirred up controversy. "People are looking for peace", he said, "and people are looking for some point at which they can come together."

He told the Assembly earlier that the mixing of schoolchildren would help to reduce tension in Northern Ireland.

The first response was scarcely optimistic, either in or outside the chamber. On local television last night a Protestant minister and a Catholic parish priest showed little enthusiasm for the scheme. In the Assembly, two of the Social and Democratic Labour Party representatives cast doubt on it.

Mgr Mullaly, Catholic diocesan administrator for Down and Connor, last night credited Mr McIvor with "good intentions", but hoped the Executive had more practical schemes for improving community relations. "The difficulties inherent in this scheme are enormous", he said. "So far as the Catholic conscience in education is concerned, I do not see how they could be overcome."

Mr McIvor was clearly aware in advance that the churches would not welcome his announcement immediately. "Although I realize that the churches have some hesitation about mixed schooling", he told the Assembly, "I ask them earnestly to consider the very special needs of Northern Ireland and to join with a power-sharing Executive in a constructive approach to meeting these needs."

Under present law, state controlled primary and intermediate schools in Ulster get half their management from Protestant churches but in the past the Catholic Church has chosen not to "transfer" its schools into a state-controlled system. As a result most Catholic primary and intermediate schools are maintained by the state but two thirds of management committee members are Catholics, with freedom over the appointment of staff.

Mr McIvor wants to change the law to enable "shared schools" to be established with the churches equally involved in management.

Autobahn bridge collapse kills nine men

Kempten, April 30.—Nine people died and 11 were seriously injured when an autobahn bridge under construction over a Bavarian mountain stream collapsed into the valley 50ft below.

Police said at least 27 construction workers, some of them non-German, were hurled into the ravine with tons of wet concrete and construction debris falling on top of them.

The accident occurred when the workmen poured the concrete into a scaffolding erected for a 200ft span on the new super highway from Kempten to Ulm.—AP.

Palace relegated

Crystal Palace were relegated from the second to the third division when they could only draw 1—1 with Cardiff City at Cardiff last night. At Highbury, Ball, of Arsenal, broke his leg during the match with Queen's Park Rangers.

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Ramsey and England to part company

By Goffrey Green
Football Correspondent

The 11-year reign of Sir Alf Ramsy as manager of the England football team is, it seems about to end. Whether he has reigned or had the terms of his contract ended will be made known in an FA statement that may be expected today.

Whether Ramsey is to hand over the reins to a successor—and there will be further guesswork about his identity—at the end of the home international championship later this month, or at the completion of England's close-season tour of East Germany, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia in early June, remains to be seen. This, too, I gather, will be duly confirmed.

Since England's dismissal from the World Cup last October, and even for some [illegible] previously, Ramsey has been under attack from various quarters for his cautious, unambitious [illegible] national side. Recently, when England faced Portugal in Lisbon at the beginning of April with five new caps, his outspoken criticism of clubs who withheld players for international action for one reason or another (mostly dishonest, in his opinion) met with considerable criticism in several places.

Sir Alf: Under attack for being too cautious.

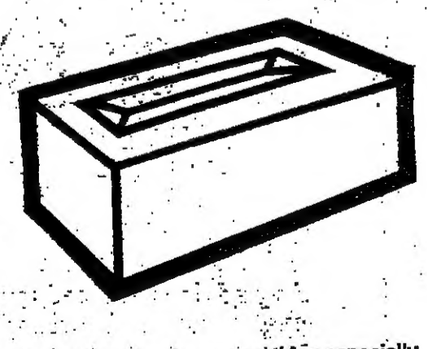
Whether all this accumulated opposition has led to his downfall, or whether through disillusion he has handed in his brief, will doubtless be revealed in the goodness of time.

Sir Alf, as a man, a player and a manager, has proved himself. Short of speed, perhaps, he was yet the most thoughtful, constructive full back England has had for many a decade. Between 1949 and 1953 England stuck to him faithfully. He won 32 caps. Ironically, the last time he wore an England shirt was the historic day when Hungary became the first foreign team to win on English soil, beating England 6—4. He also played for Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur.

Cool and analytical in his performance, he also brought these qualities to his duties as a manager when he joined Ipswich Town in 1955. There he always worked on a financial shoestring, yet within six years, building a team from the cast-offs of others, he set a League record by winning the championships of the third, second and first divisions within six years. In 1962 he took over from Mr Walter Winterbottom as manager of England. Within four years he had won the World Cup, his team beating West Germany 4—2 at Wembley after extra time.

Though a deep thinker about the game, his philosophy has always been to keep it simple. "I have no wish to embroider it unduly," he once said.

Property investment simplified



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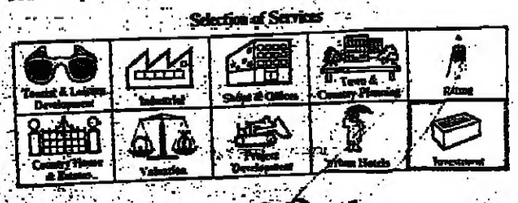

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Cowley men postpone strike call meeting

From Our Correspondent
Oxford

Workers at British Leyland's car assembly plant at Cowley, last night adjourned their meeting at Oxford town hall because nearly a thousand were unable to get in. The meeting had been called to enable members of the Transport and General Workers' Union at the factory to vote on whether the union should become involved in an official strike over a shop steward.

The shop steward, Mr Alan Thornett, who is the union's deputy convener and chairman of 5/55 branch, was one of those able to get in to the main assembly room of the town hall. But almost as many were unsuccessful. British Leyland has refused to recognize him as a shop steward.

Another meeting has been called for today on the works sports field at Cowley.

Limited production: Car production at Cowley was limited yesterday (our Northern Industrial Correspondent writes). The dispute, which began over lay-off arrangements, has prevented output of cars worth more than £20m.

At British Leyland's other big Austin/Morris plant at Longbridge, Birmingham, about 3,000 workers were still laid off yesterday. Car production was curtailed because of the lingering effects of the engineers' national overtime ban and component shortages. The management hopes to return to full working today.

Ex-police chief from Hongkong is remanded

Peter Godber, aged 52, the former Hongkong police chief, of Iden Lock, near Rye, Sussex, was remanded in custody for a week at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday after being arrested on a warrant granted by Mr Evelyn Russell, the magistrate, at Bow Street on Monday.

The warrant charged that there was evidence that he was accused of bribery against the law of Hongkong and under section 3 of the Fugitive Offenders Act.

For the purposes of the Act, states section 3, an offence of which a person is accused or been convicted in a Commonwealth country or United Kingdom dependency is a "relevant offence" if it is listed in a schedule to the Act. The list's offences range from murder to contravention of import or export prohibitions, and includes bribery.

Planning permission appeals may go to regional 'assizes'

By Our Planning Reporter

The Government is considering establishing regular regional "assizes" to hear appeals against refusals of planning permission. They would largely replace separate public inquiries to consider individual appeals.

The same quasi-judicial procedure would be followed, with a government-appointed inspector presiding in place of a judge or magistrate; interested parties would continue to be represented by counsel if they wished, and would be permitted to call witnesses to support their cases. The inspector would not pass judgment but would, as at present, make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for the Environment.

It is thought that time and expense could be saved if several outstanding appeals in a given region could be heard successively by a single inspector.

The possibility of such a system was briefly discussed by Mr George Dobry, QC, in his interim report on the development control system, published last January. Mr Dobry observed that the number of appeals had risen by 123 per cent in the past three years, and that the interval between the fixing of an inquiry and the earliest date for which an inspector would be available was an average of six months.

Mr Gordon Oakes, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, said yesterday that there was a backlog of between about 17,000 and 18,000 appeals to be heard. But any decision on how best to speed the procedure would obviously have to await Mr Dobry's final report, which is expected towards the end of the year.

Mr Oakes added that, on a recent tour of the North of England, he had found serious shortages of planning staff in every authority and at every level, and the situation was not likely to improve. He appealed for greater flexibility on the part of local authorities; instead of clinging to expert staff after they had completed a specific project, they should let them go on secondment to other authorities that needed them.

Review of authorities: McKinsey and Co, the American management consultants, have been appointed by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, to review local authorities' current work and views on management information systems (our local government correspondent writes).

The review, which is to be completed by the end of November, is a preliminary to consideration being given by the department, to a joint programme of work to develop computer-based local authority management information systems.

Empty office blocks: The Government is working on proposals for the compulsory purchase of office properties which have been standing empty for years (our political staff writes).

New legislation to be brought forward in the autumn is expected to allow local authorities to buy empty blocks. The previous Government was working on similar proposals although Labour's proposals are likely to be more stringent.

Mr Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government said in the Commons on Monday that legislation "must really bite, and end once and for all the affront to society that these buildings present".

Ombudsman to look into defence of invalid car

Complaints that Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for the Social Services, and Mr Alison, the Conservatives' former Under Secretary in the department, failed to tell the truth and misrepresented facts about the safety of invalid tricycles, are to be investigated by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman), Sir Alan Marre.

Sir Alan has told Mr C. M. Woodhouse, Conservative MP for Oxford, that he is starting a comprehensive investigation.

Mr Woodhouse raised the matter on behalf of Mr Peter MacBryan, of the Disabled Drivers' Action Group.

In a statement yesterday, the group said that in March Mrs Castle told the Commons there were no reasons on safety grounds alone for withdrawing the three-wheeler.

But a report by the Motor Industry Research Association (MIRA), which the Conservative Government refused to publish, said:

As tested, the Invacar model 70 tricycle did not meet the requirements of EEC regulations concerning steering system penetration when subjected to a 30 mph frontal barrier impact.

Additionally, the requirements of the draft regulation on fire risks were not met, due to excessive fuel leakage from the fractured frontally mounted petrol tank.

These results were obtained from crash tests by MIRA.

The Ombudsman is already carrying out an investigation into the last government's refusal to publish the MIRA report requested by Mr Alfred Morris, Health Parliamentary Under Secretary (Disabled).

Car safety award

The Den Trophy, one of Britain's highest vehicle safety awards, won by Dunlop for its Denova fail-safe tyre and wheel system, was presented to Mr J. Campbell Fraser, managing director of Dunlop, in London yesterday by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu.

Improvement grants

Because of the three-day week the Secretary of State for the Environment has extended preferential house improvement grants, in development and intermediate areas, for applications approved at the higher rate of up to 75 per cent on or before September 30, 1973. Work must be completed by June 22.

Seminar will discuss law of the sea

By Pearce Wright

Mr David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is calling a one-day seminar on May 15 for MPs and groups interested in the conference on the law of the sea in Caracas.

Two of the main questions for discussion are expected to be the attitude of the British Government toward extensions of territorial limits and toward proposals for a new international authority responsible for the management of all ocean resources.

The issues were discussed by the minister and a deputation of MPs from the all-party Parliamentary Group for World Government yesterday.

After the meeting Mr David Knox, chairman of the group, and Mr James Tinn, deputy chairman, said there was an urgent need to have the sea's resources managed properly because big companies were already exploiting new areas of the ocean. The group opposed the introduction of 200-mile limits which would benefit greatly coastal states with long coastlines. Up to a quarter of the ocean space, including the most valuable in minerals and food reserves, could be annexed by a few in that way.

Rail only Channel tunnel 'could be viable'

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

The Government's intention to seek a Channel tunnel more geared to railway traffic would require a major change in legislation and in the Anglo-French treaty, the Conservation Society stated yesterday.

Legislation as at present drafted specifically rejected discrimination between road and rail, and also gave wide powers for the tunnel to be built and operated to benefit shareholders, rather than as part of a transport plan for the benefit of the country as a whole, the society added.

While welcoming the reassessment of the project ordered by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, the society continues to urge that the Government's objective could best be achieved by a rail-only tunnel.

A new study prepared for the society by Mr Reg Harman, a transport economist, calculates that a rail-only tunnel could be fully viable if account is taken of the higher estimates of rail potential which have emerged from studies by British Rail and Professor Bromhead, of Bristol University, since the official tunnel studies were made.

That was so even if the 2.8 per cent annual growth in the economy assumed in the official studies were reduced to the zero, or 1 per cent growth now considered more realistic, the report states. On zero growth, using Professor Bromhead's European inter-city traffic forecasts, a rail-only tunnel would yield a return of £10m on a turnover of £68m in 1980 (after operating costs of £3m and debt service of £55m); and a return of £75m on a turnover of £151m in 1990 (after operating costs of £5m and debt service of £71m).

On those estimates, the study calculates, a rail only tunnel would be suitable for private sector finance, and even using the official traffic forecasts the results of a rail-only tunnel would be a deficit of £13m in 1980 and a surplus of £22m in 1990.

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Channel ferries cancelled

British Rail ferries to Boulogne, Calais and Ostend are cancelled today and tomorrow, because of a 48-hour strike by seamen at Dover.

The seamen are in dispute over the hours they work on some ferries operating from Folkestone and Dover.

Liberals launch drive for government reform

By George Clark

Launching their new campaign to reform national and local government yesterday, leading Liberals criticized the present state of democracy and reported a growing disillusionment among voters with politics and politicians.

Mr Pardoe, Liberal MP for Cornwall North, chairman of the party's standing committee on policy, said proposals in *Power to the people*, produced by a party committee set up in 1971, were highly relevant to current controversies.

On the reform of local government, he said, the party made proposals which he was sure would be adopted by the royal commission proposed by Mr Wilson on Monday to examine corruption.

The document called for greater openness of government and the registration of interests both of MPs and local councillors, and the admission of the press to council and committee meetings.

The Liberal code of conduct for councillors emphasized the danger of one-party councils. In the north-east a small coterie in the Labour Party had grabbed the monopoly of power. "It is a disgrace; if you have one-party systems, you might as well have a one-party state." The Liberal document emphasized the need for properly rewarding people engaged in public duties.

Mr Desmond Banks, chairman of the committee which produced the report, said the more open government which it proposed would reduce the chance of corruption.

"We want an end to the artificial two-party system which the recent election showed is bolstered by the present electoral methods", he said. "We believe that proportional representation would give fairer representation in Parliament and allow more people to have a share in the election of an MP.

"Over half (51.2 per cent) of the people, at the last election, voted for defeated candidates and have no one in the House to whom they can point and say 'I helped to put that man there'. We believe that this is where the alienation of people from politics begins.

"Proportional representation, applied to local government as well, would prevent one-party councils which make the possibility of corruption greater because there is no opposition with the ability to get at the facts."

On May 13 the party will launch a national campaign for PR.

Power to the People (Liberal Publications Department, 7 Exchange Court, London, WC2R 0PR, 40p).

Mr Foot's new Bill omits controversial provisions

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they will have to say so in writing.

Our Political Editor writes: When he met members of the trade union group of the Parliamentary Labour Party at the House of Commons last night, Mr Foot said that he had a hope of carrying the Bill to Royal Assent by the end of June. He refused to discuss the details before he had faced the House of Commons.

Although the Bill is rather less controversial than the Opposition had earlier believed, the implied timetable looks surprisingly optimistic. Mr Foot and government business managers apparently intend that the Bill should be read a second time next Tuesday, and that it should then be taken into committee stage upstairs. When allowance is made for a fortnight's Whitsuntide recess, it is extremely unlikely that it can reach the House of Lords before early July.

Mr Foot's optimism may be based on his known view that the Government should aim at an early general election to increase its majority in the Commons.

Mr Heath and Opposition leaders last night congratulated themselves that they had not been stampeded into taking a strong line on speculative reports that Mr Foot would extend the rights of picketing.

Mr Whitelaw, shadow Secretary of State for Employment, commented last night: "We are glad that for the moment commonsense has prevailed on the proposals to extend the rights of picketing to a point where they could have become clear intimidation. We are told that the Government will introduce proposals of this sort later, but at least there has been a reprieve. We hope that in the intervening period wiser counsels will prevail."

On the face of it, the Government itself, in spite of Liberal and Labour taunts that the Conservative Opposition refuses to enter into a confrontation to bring down the Government, is taking care not to provoke a Commons division that might precipitate a general election. For the moment, there is a kind of consensus to soldier on in a stalemate Parliament.

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Government is studying plan for workers onboards

By Our Industrial Editor

The creation of supervisory boards throughout private industry, jointly representing workers and shareholders, to determine general company policies is under serious study by the Government.

That was disclosed yesterday by Mr Meacher, *Parliamentary* Under-Secretary of State for Industry, at an Institute of Personnel Management conference in London.

He said that, because many issues would remain beyond the reach of workers' representatives participating in decision-taking at plant level, the Government felt it necessary to explore their role at boardroom level. The two-tier board idea was being considered.

Supervisory boards would appoint management boards for executive directors with regular reappointment of day-to-day management "after agreed contracts of service."

"*The supervisory board* would advise the management board, would lay down the general policy, would have to give its consent on a number of key issues, but would not involve itself in the actual day-to-day management of the firm", Mr Meacher said.

"In particular the consent of the board would be required for the closure of the company or an important branch, for a major change in the company's activities or organizational structure, and for the start and ending of joint ventures with other companies."

Furthermore, the supervisory board would be responsible for a legal requirement to inform shareholders and works councils about company affairs. It would also be responsible for the directors' report and annual accounts.

Mr Meacher went on to say that the Government while exploring these ideas, intended also to socialize na industies. Workers' re tives would be placed board

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Bomb blast: third man named

Police in Manchester yesterday, named a third man they want to interview about the bomb blast in a council house on Friday. Det Chief Supt Charles Horan said he was Gerald or Gerard Small, aged 28, who came to England from Belfast in 1966. He had recently lived in Salford.

Mr Horan added that the police still wished to interview Patrick Joseph Martin Guilfoyle, aged 25, who was injured when the bomb went off at Dennison Avenue, Withington.

Report soon on social sciences

Proposals for the social sciences at York University, including changes in the part one examination, will be completed this term.

Professor Graeme Moody, chairman of the board of studies, said yesterday that discussions were not affected by suggestions that the part one course was inadequate and staff efforts to maintain academic standards had been subverted. No decision had been made on whether to divide up the social science course.

Plea changed in fraud plot trial

One of four men accused of conspiring to cheat and defraud the London Borough of Brent changed his plea at the Central Criminal Court yesterday from not guilty to guilty. He was bound over on bail to appear for sentence at the end of the trial of the three others.

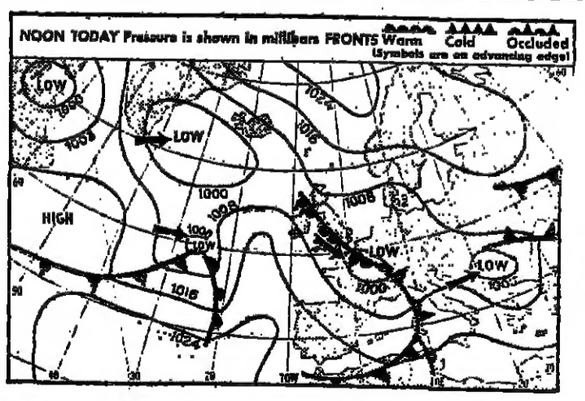
Roy Charles Jackson, aged 41, unemployed, of Oxhey Avenue, Watford, Hertfordshire, was allowed bail on his own recognizance of £2,000 and one surety of £1,000.

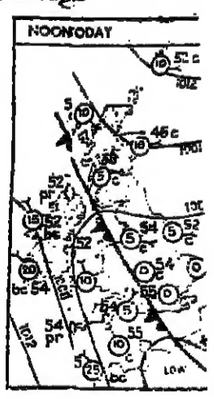
The trial continues today.

£87,000 bank raid

Two masked gunmen escaped with about £87,000 after a hold-up yesterday at the Clydesdale Bank in Glendinning, Glasgow. Two

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.33 am — Sun sets: 8.23 pm
Moon sets: 3.8 am — Moon rises: 2.50 pm
Full Moon: May 6.

Lighting up: 8.53 pm to 5.2 am.

High water: London Bridge, 9.58 am, 6.3m (20.8ft); 10.25 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Avonmouth, 3.10 am, 10.9m (35.6ft); 4.2 pm, 11.0m (36.2ft). Dover, 7.33 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 8.0 pm, 5.8m (19.1ft). Hull, 2.19 am, 6.0m (19.8ft); 2.33 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Liverpool, 7.33 am, 7.5m (24.5ft); 8.22 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft).

A trough of low pressure will advance slowly across W Britain and N Ireland.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, E and central N England: Mainly dry, sunny spells, perhaps fog patches at first; wind E or variable, light; max temp 14°C (57°F).

SE and central S England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Mostly cloudy, rain at times, perhaps some bright intervals; wind SE, moderate; max temp 14°C (57°F).

SW England, S. Wales: Cloudy in E districts early, sunny spells developing, scattered showers; wind NW or W, moderate, perhaps fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Sunny spells in most places but some showers in half of Britain, temp mostly near normal but rather cold in NE England and E Scotland.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: wind SE light, sea smooth.

English Channel (E): Wind variable, light; sea smooth.

St George's Channel, Iris Sea: Wind NW, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

Satellite sightings (London tomorrow). Figures show in order: time visible, where rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. Asterisks indicate entering or leaving eclipse. Cosmos 633 rocket: 21.33-21.37, WSW, 40° WNW, N. Skylab 1: 20.54-20.57, WSW, 15° SW, S. Ogo 4 Rocket: 20.3-20.55, N, 50° NNW, S*.

Yesterday

London: Temp: Max, 7 am to 7 pm, 17°C (63°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 7°C (45°F). Humid 7 pm, 41 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 11.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm 1,028 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Forecast for May

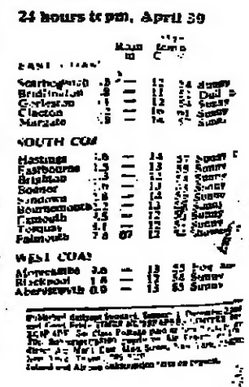
The Meteorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for May:

The month is expected to start with a spell of rather unsettled weather with some rain at times, especially in S Britain, but with sunny intervals. Over the month as a whole one or two further wet spells are probable and temperature variations of temperature and some warmth are also expected. The second half may be of relative coverage, than the first but will probably include periods of dry and cloudy weather.

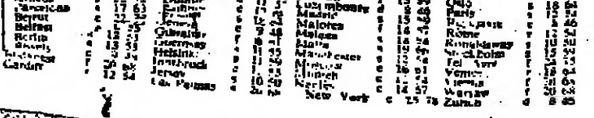
Monthly mean temperature and total sunshine will probably be above average in N and W Scotland and N Ireland and below average in E Scotland, NE and E England with near average temperature and sunshine over the rest of England and Wales. Total rainfall is expected to range from below average in N and W Scotland to above average over S Wales and S and E districts of England.

At the sports

24 hours to 6 pm, April 30



WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.



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NEWS

Sunday Times' stands by report of Mr Short's part in building contract controversy

The Sunday Times, in a statement issued last night, said it stood by its report that Mr Edward Short had supported Mr T. Dan Smith in 1963 in a controversy about building contract.

The statement said:

The Sunday Times stands by its report on Sunday that Mr Edward Short supported T. Dan Smith in 1963 in a controversy about a building contract. It was at this time that Mr Short says he accepted £250 from Mr Smith for legitimate expenses.

The Sunday Times was in error in saying that when Mr Short gave his support in 1963 he was a member of the Newcastle City Council. He was, in fact, acting in his capacity as Labour MP for Newcastle Central, with close links with the Labour group as its former leader in the city council.

We note his statement that he never discussed contracts with Mr Smith and that his concern was to rebuild Newcastle. *The Sunday Times* is satisfied that Mr Short did in 1963 support the award of a building contract by Newcastle city council to the Smith building firm of Crudens at a time when Mr T. Dan Smith was both chairman of Newcastle City Housing Committee and employed in a public relations capacity for a Crudens subsidiary. Mr Smith's company negotiated directly with Crudens to build flats in Newcastle, although Crudens' provisional estimate was higher than that put forward by another company.

Mr Short advocated the contract as "the best bargain for Newcastle.

The Sunday Times also confirms that Mr Short objected when in May, 1963, the then Minister of Housing, Sir Keith Joseph, refused loan sanction for the project because it did not "offer a satisfactory bargain".

The Sunday Times stands by its report that Mr Short continued to support the contract during the local campaign for a public inquiry into the affair.

The Newcastle City Housing Committee in July, 1963, recommended a public inquiry by nine votes to one, by which time Mr Smith had left the chairmanship. This move was later defeated by the Labour group on Newcastle City Council.

Letter to minister: The reference in the statement by *The Sunday Times* to an objection by Mr Short against refusal of loan sanction for a building project concerns a letter he wrote to Sir Keith Joseph when taking up the cudgels on behalf of Newcastle City Council.

His letter was written on May 28, 1963, and mentioned two local Conservative MPs, Mr William Elliott and Mr Fergus Montgomery. It stated:

I read with amazement in the local press two letters which you have sent to Elliott and Montgomery announcing that you are refusing loans for a very large housing development in Newcastle.

Leaving aside the discourtesy to my local authority in making this public via two Conservative MPs, your action cannot be justified on any grounds of public interest whatever. I can only regard it as another impediment in the long series which have been placed in the way of Newcastle's housing programme by the present Government.

This process of hindering the local authority has gone on for ten years now, under successive ministers. Had we had more cooperation from Conservative ministers of housing as well as from their friends locally, thousands of my constituents now living in slums would have been rehoused. Their plight is now your responsibility and that of local Conservatives, with whom you are in close contact. I need hardly say that I shall call upon you to justify your action in Parliament very shortly."

In July, 1963, the council's housing committee agreed to call for a public inquiry into the handling of the contract. Mr Smith issued a statement that he had no connexion with Crudens and the council eventually decided against an inquiry.

Crudens Ltd said yesterday that it had had no association whatever with Mr Smith at the time it made the tender for the project. The Crudens tender, which was selected by the council, was not the lowest received but a spokesman pointed out that it was "a design submission" and thus one tender was not strictly comparable with another.

Mr Tom Collins, leader of the Labour Party on Newcastle council for many years and a leading Newcastle socialist, said last night: "I have known Ted Short for more than 25 years and he is the most honest man I have ever had the privilege of meeting. He made representations when the Crudens contract was stopped but he simply objected because he was an MP for Newcastle when the housing situation was too horrible to describe.

"I can well imagine him getting upset when any contract was retarded or stopped.

Liberal MP defends BBC role in disclosure

By Our Political Staff

Mr John Pardoe, Liberal MP for Cornwall, North, said yesterday that if it had not been for a BBC interview broadcast on television last Friday "no one would ever have known, so far as we can say, that Mr Short received any money from T. Dan Smith".

He added: "I think it would have been advisable for Mr Short to have declared that interest a long time ago, much earlier in the proceedings."

Mr Pardoe, who is chairman of the Liberal Party standing committee on policy, said: "The amount of money involved is peanuts and not any consideration at all, but I find it incredible that at 1.15 this morning, when he made his statement, Mr Short should be attacking the BBC for scaremongering and the assassination of his character.

"The extraordinary assertion that the press has pried too heavily into private preserves in the field of local government corruption is the reverse of the truth."

Mr Pardoe said that more than a year ago "I actually accused the British press of kowtowing to the establishment and not doing its investigatory job as the American press had done over the Watergate affair. From then on, I think a lot of people were put on to investigation work."

Quiet competence has helped Labour's deputy leader to make few enemies during his steady progress to high office

The old-fashioned man who prefers the middle road

By Martin Huckerby

Mr Edward Short, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, has had a fairly uneventful career for a man who has risen to such high office. His middle of the road views, unflamboyant style and quiet competence have enabled him to advance steadily towards the top of the Labour Party.

He is a rather old-fashioned man: straight-laced, dignified and outwardly unemotional. Many people who know him describe him as a grey, almost cold man, but one observer said that he is in fact, impulsive, given to sudden anger and sudden likes and dislikes, and always suspecting people's motives. "Inside him, I always feel there is a cauldron."

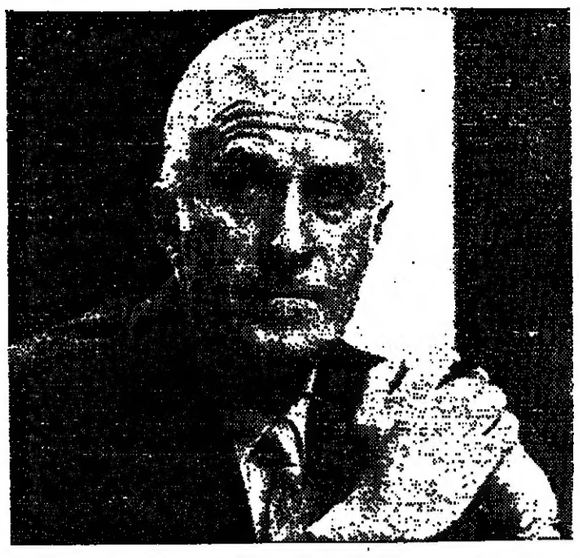
Mr Short may not be a politician who rouses great enthusiasms, but at the same time he has also made relatively few enemies. Thus he was successful in 1972 as the compromise candidate for the deputy leadership of the Labour Party.

He was born in 1912 in Westmorland, where he still has a country cottage, and took a degree at Bede College, Durham University. He went into teaching and, after war service during which he became a captain in the Durham Light Infantry, he was made headmaster of Princess Louise County Secondary School at Blyth, Northumberland.

Education has remained one of the great interests of his life. He went into Parliament as an MP sponsored by the National Union of Teachers and probably his greatest public prominence came between 1968 and 1970 when he was Secretary of State for Education and Science. His family is equally involved in education: his wife, Jennie, is headmistress of a Newcastle junior school and his daughter is also a teacher.

He joined the Labour Party in 1942 and in 1947 he was elected to Newcastle upon Tyne City Council. He served on the council until 1954, but by then he had become a member of Parliament. He was elected MP for the safe Labour constituency of Newcastle Central and has represented it ever since.

Local politicians describe Mr Short as a good constituency MP, handling a considerable number of individual cases despite his work as a minister.



Mr Short, Leader of the House of Commons, who as Secretary of State for Education and Science, won a reputation for decisiveness and the ability to handle difficulties.

At the House of Commons he became opposition whip for the Northern Area in 1955 and deputy chief whip in 1962. With the return of Labour to power in 1964 he became the Government Chief Whip. He held that post for two years and then spent a similar period as Postmaster General before taking over at the Department of Education and Science.

As a minister he won a reputation for decisiveness and the ability to deal with difficulties. While in charge of the Department of Education and Science, he was dedicated to the comprehensive school system, as well as being a believer in corporal punishment and in the importance of spiritual education.

After nearly a quarter of a century in Parliament, Mr Short retains some of the qualities of a secondary modern school headmaster: he is rather austere in personality and authoritarian in approach.

He is aged 61 and it was being suggested in Newcastle, before Mr T. Dan Smith mentioned his name on television, that he might be thinking of retiring from Parliament before too long. If this were so, his solid dependability would be missed by the Labour Party.

"Highly regarded": Mrs Doris Starkey, secretary of the Newcastle City Labour Party and Mr Short's agent in 1970, said last night: "Mr Short stands in the highest regard in Newcastle" (a staff reporter writes). Nobody was disturbed, she said, by the statements of Mr T. Dan Smith or of Mr Short.

Unsolicited £250 payment 'to defray expenses'

The statement issued by Mr Short after one o'clock yesterday morning and published in later editions of *The Times* was as follows:

I have known Mr Smith since the mid-1930s. I greatly admired his work on the Newcastle City Council in the late 1950s and early 1960s and fully supported his efforts to rid the city of its slums, most of which were in my constituency which I described at the time as containing the worst housing in Britain.

Tens of thousands of Newcastle people today owe their modern homes and present surroundings to his work in this period. In 1963 he was regarded in the north-east as an outstanding able council leader and a successful businessman. No-one suspected that he was other than a perfectly honourable man.

During all the years I knew him until the recent exposure I had no reason to regard him as anything but a man of the highest character, great energy and ability, and a man dedicated to the public service.

During this period he turned to me frequently for advice on public and political matters particularly in his earlier years as leader of the council—an office which he reached with very little experience of local government. Most of it was concerned with social and human problems involved in demolition and rebuilding in central Newcastle. We never at any time discussed building contracts with Mr Smith, any builder or architect.

I was not and never have been in any way concerned with who was awarded the contract. My concern was with the rebuilding. I ceased to be a member of the city council in 1952 and was not a member in 1963—as alleged in yesterday's *Sunday Times*.

It is untrue to say that I spoke in the council in that year on behalf of Mr Smith. In January 1963 Mr Smith wrote to me out of the blue and offered me from his firm the sum of £500 which he described as a retainer "to show my appreciation of the work you have done". I did not regard the offer as a retainer in the normal sense of the word, nor did I regard myself as having I ever regarded myself as being retained by or on behalf of Mr Smith or any company of his for any services.

I understood it to be an offer of reimbursement for a substantial number of expenses which I had incurred on his behalf by way of telephone calls from London, travelling, meals when he came to the House of Commons, and the like over the preceding 10 or 12 years, and when I discussed it with him he confirmed that this was the case.

My reply to his letter made my position clear in the following words: "Of course any help I have been able to give—or will give in the future—is quite unconnected with this and is out of my regard for you personally and for the magnificent job you are doing for the North."

In his letter to me he suggested that the matter should be confidential between us to which I readily agreed. I heard nothing more from him about this, nor did I or he mention it until many months later. In 1963 I received a cheque for—to the best of my recollection—£250.

I never received any further payment, nor was the matter ever referred to again between us, nor was there ever again any further reference to financial arrangements.

At the time I was an MP in Opposition and had never held government office. At no time was I ever employed by Mr Smith or under any obligation to him. Nor do I believe he ever regarded himself as employing me.

I have only ever had two other connexions with him which remotely related to business matters. The first of these occasions he accurately quoted on television. This is the kind of service which all MPs are pleased to give to businessmen in their constituencies. I was particularly pleased to look into it as it seemed to hold the prospect of additional employment in the North-east.

The second was when a prominent Newcastle solicitor formed a small company to try to establish a Labour and trade union precinct on Tyneside.

I thought this was an excellent idea—and still do. I agreed to hold one share, others were held by prominent trade unionists and Mr Smith also held one, I believe. I was very much a sleeping partner and attended only one meeting which was held in London and to which I refer below. The project fell through and I withdrew some years ago.

Apart from these instances I have not had any business connexions of any kind at any time with Mr Smith or any of his companies.

In his TV interview Mr Smith said one of the things I did was to introduce him to people in London. I can only recollect introducing him to four people, all Parliamentarians. One was to discuss Labour Party matters and the other three were at the meeting referred to above to discuss the Labour and trade union precinct.

As for Mr Poulson, I repeat what I said last October. To the best of my knowledge I have never seen him. I have never communicated with him—nor did I know of his existence until I read about his bankruptcy examination in the press.

I would therefore reiterate that my only financial connexion with Mr Smith or any associated individuals or companies was the receipt 10 years ago of one unsolicited payment of £250 to defray expenses incurred which I have indicated and which created no obligation on my part towards Mr Smith.

Government looks again at taxing 'TV Times'

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The Government is to look again at plans to tax the profits of *TV Times* for the first time. In making the promise yesterday, Mr Alexander Lyon, Minister of State at the Home Office, avoided the possibility of a government defeat in the Commons standing committee on the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill. He said that profits from *TV Times*, which were about £1.5m a year, went to swell the profits of the television companies. In the last accounting period the companies made between 22 and 90 per cent return on capital.

Sir Paul Bryan (Howden, C) said that if the *TV Times* was subject to the levy it would be the only publication so taxed and singled out. It would be at a serious disadvantage to *Radio Times* and to all other publications with which it competed. He added: "To tax it would set a precedent which would be bad for the whole field of communications."

Mr Philip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab) said that unfortunately *TV Times* and *Radio Times* were unlikely to combine, and *TV Times* would feel discriminated against if it had the levy imposed.

Sir Paul withdrew an amendment to withdraw the proposed levy from *TV Times* because of the minister's assurance. The Bill completed its committee stage.

Mining industry fear: Many people in the mining industry feared that if the Health and Safety at Work Bill passed into law it would obliterate a hundred years of progress in the industry, a Labour MP claimed yesterday.

Speaking during the Bill's finding committee stage, Mr Alexander Wilson (Hamilton, Lab) said they were unhappy with the provision for one comprehensive and integrated system of law for the health, safety and welfare of workpeople, with the establishment of a Health and Safety Commission and Executive. The mining industry feared that the numerical strength of the Mines Inspectorate would be further reduced as members decided to work in factories rather than go down pits.

"We are quite unhappy about the inclusion and the wide application of this clause. Unless changed, it would mean the obliteration of a hundred years of progress in the coal mining industry", Mr Wilson said.

"The system built up in the industry meets with the approval of every section in this industry. Consensus is that the mining industry should be left on its own."

The clause providing for unification was agreed to and the committee adjourned until tomorrow.

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gian airfield is sealed to protect witnesses from Ulster

From Christopher Walker
Stavanger, Norway

The finishing touches were being put yesterday to the most elaborate and rigid security precautions to have surrounded a hearing before the European Commission for Human Rights since its inception in 1953.

Early on Thursday the first of 30 unidentified witnesses called by Britain will give evidence to counter allegations by the Government of the Irish Republic that the security forces in Ulster subjected detainees to action constituting "torture and inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment".

The allegations claim a breach of article 3 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights. They form the most damaging part of a wide-ranging case brought against the British for their action after the introduction of internment in August, 1971, and the methods of interrogation used.

After much argument, a disused officers' mess at Sola, a remote airfield on a peninsula in south-west Norway, was offered by the Norwegian Government for the hearing. Its only claim to fame so far is its occupation by German paratroops in April, 1940. Britain agreed to Sola after lengthy discussions with commission officials; alternatives such as Gibraltar and Bonn were rejected.

The airstrip, surrounded by a high perimeter fence, is being guarded by the Norwegian Army and members of the armed security police. The neighbouring port of Stavanger, a peaceful town with a population of 83,000, is being patrolled at night by military police vehicles and hotels are under surveillance by plain-clothes men from London and Oslo.

The hearing was due to start on March 4, and, ostensibly, the delay in finding a place to hold it has been caused by British fears of possible retaliation against their witnesses by the Provisional IRA. Although their names will never be officially revealed, those appearing are known to include a number of key army officers, leading members of the Special Branch in Northern Ireland and military medical personnel. They will be flown in by the RAF and be confined to the Sola airfield, where rather spartan accommodation has been arranged.

But a leading Council of Europe official told me yesterday: "From the European point of view, the delay has been counter-productive for the British. There are now a larger number of people who think they may have something to hide."

In accordance with the commission's rules, all evidence at Sola will be heard in camera. Mr Anthony, McNulty, the British Secretary to the commission, said yesterday: "Because of the special security surrounding this case, the names of the witnesses will never be revealed, even if the final report of the proceedings is published."

Much of the evidence submitted so far on behalf of the Irish Republic has covered methods of interrogation. Earlier this month, Sir Peter Rawlinson, who as Attorney-General in the last government headed previous British delegations to the hearings, said in the Commons:

"The (Irish) Republic alleges not only that torture takes place and took place but that higher authority is indifferent to it. The government of the republic are thereby accusing in an international forum not only the senior ranks of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the British Army, the administrative service of the Northern Ireland Office and Northern Ireland civil servants, but United Kingdom ministers of what I can only describe as the vilest conduct which could be alleged against other human beings."

At the Sola hearing, the British delegation will be headed by Mr Paul Fifoot, legal counsellor at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

First cry of 'Strike, strike' from nurses

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Nurses chanting "We want more pay" struggled yesterday with a police cordon barring the entrance to the headquarters of the Department of Health and Social Security at Elephant and Castle, London.

Many of the demonstrators joined in a chant of "Strike, strike, strike", the first time this has been heard from a gathering of nurses.

The nurses, many in uniform, were mostly members of two trade unions demonstrating while a meeting between staff side representatives of the Whitley Council told Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, of the profession's desperate situation because of poor pay.

About 1,500 nurses took part in the demonstration. When a rumour went round that Mrs Castle was not present a chant of "We want Barbara" began, and there was a short scuffle with police as demonstrators tried to force their way into the building.

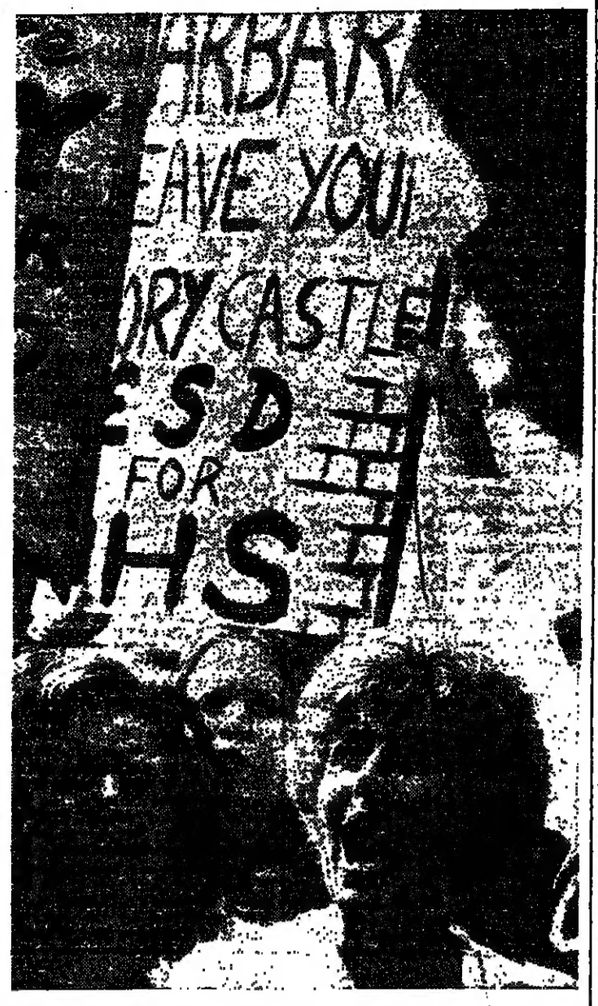
A delegation of six was allowed into the building, led by Mrs Sylvia Prentice a theatre sister at King's College Hospital and a branch secretary of the National and Local Government Officers' Association, and Mrs Jan Hine, a staff nurse from Guy's Hospital and a shop steward in the Confederation of Health Service Employees. After waiting for some time one or two members of the delegation tried to take the lifts to the seventh floor, where the Whitley Council was meeting, but they were turned away and a police guard was put on the lifts.

The delegation left the building without seeing Mrs Castle. Mrs Hine said that there would be a call, perhaps involving 300 nurses at Guy's, for a ban on overtime and on paper work next month in support of their case.

Mrs Prentice said that the necessity was to get nurses into a trade union, as distinct from the Royal College of Nursing, which was a professional body. One of their objects was to get rid of agency nurses in hospitals who earned up to £75 a week against the average of £28 for NHS nurses. They had no plans for industrial action but would consider an overtime ban.

Health skivvies: Mr Steve Johnson, a national negotiator from Nalgo, told the demonstrators: "This represents a change in the nurses' attitude. No longer will you be the skivvies of the health service (the Press Association reports).

"Nurses are at the crossroads, and if we do not do anything at this stage we will find most of the trained nurses will not be staying in the health service because they are not getting a square deal."



Nurses demonstrating for more pay in London yesterday

Four further charges against Mr Milhench

From Arthur Osman
Wolverhampton

Ronald Milhench, aged 37, the insurance broker in the Harold Wilson forged letter inquiry, faced four more charges when he appeared again before Wolverhampton magistrates yesterday.

Two of those alleged the theft of two sheets of notepaper, officially described as being of "nominal value" belonging to his solicitor and his accountant.

He was remanded in custody again for the second time for eight days, after Mr John Lishman, his solicitor, had applied unsuccessfully for bail. Mr Lishman said: "It is in my mind to apply to a judge in chambers for bail. No application will be made before my client's next appearance."

Reporting restrictions have been lifted.

In addition to the charge of attempting to obtain £25,000 from Associated Newspapers Ltd, publishers of the *Daily Mail*, by criminal deception between February 25 and March 4 this year, Mr Milhench faced the following further charges.

That between September and December last year at Wolverhampton, with intent to defraud, he forged a document purporting to be a letter from Dunham, Brindley and Linn, solicitors, of Wolverhampton;

Between September and December last year at Wolverhampton he stole a sheet of notepaper headed Dunham, Brindley and Linn;

At Bridgnorth, Shropshire, between October, 1972, and December, 1973, with intent to defraud he forged a document purporting to be a letter from Thompson and Bamford, chartered accountants, of Bridgnorth; and

On a day unknown between the same dates he stole a sheet of notepaper headed Thompson and Bamford.

Mr John Walker, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said the police had reason to believe that if bail was granted Mr Milhench would not attend his trial. There was also a genuine fear for the safety of his children.

Many inquiries still had to be made and the police feared that they could be hindered because "certain of the witnesses would no longer feel brave enough to assist the police".

On one occasion Mr Milhench, when seen by Det Chief Supt Alan Jones, had in his briefcase two loaded automatic pistols and some 50 rounds of ammunition.

In answer to further questions by Mr Lishman, Mr Jones said: "I can anticipate that there will be further charges of forgery and I anticipate there will be charges under the Firearms Act."

Jewish QC says his life was threatened

Fredman Ashe Lincoln, QC, described as a prominent member not only of the Jewish community in Britain but also on the Continent and in the United States, was fined £20 at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday for carrying a gun without authority.

He had pleaded not guilty to a charge that on February 21 at the Strand, he had, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, a loaded firearm, a Webley Scott 7.65 mm pistol and ammunition.

He admitted a second charge of failing to comply with the condition of his firearms certificate: that he was not proceeding to or from a point of embarkation when carrying it.

Mr Neil Dennison, for the prosecution, said that on February 21, Mr Ashe Lincoln went to lunch at Simpsons in the Strand and took the pistol, loaded with seven roads of ammunition. The safety catch was on.

It was detected in his overcoat pocket by the cloakroom attendant. He told the firm's security officer, who informed the police.

Mr Ashe Lincoln was stopped outside and asked why he had the pistol. He said threats had been made on his life, as he was a prominent member of the Jewish community, and he was carrying the gun for protection.

Mr Dennison added that Mr Ashe Lincoln had a firearms certificate for the weapon since 1940, but the conditions restricted him to carrying it only when going to or from points of embarkation or disembarkation. Apart from that the gun had to remain locked up at his home.

Vice Admiral Sir Norman Denning, former Director of Naval Intelligence, said Mr Ashe Lincoln had performed certain work on behalf of the British Government concerning the then new state of Israel. He had been directly concerned with negotiations regarding the sale of two submarines to Israel and ultimately he had been promoted captain of the London flotilla of the RNVR in recognition of his services.

He agreed that Mr Ashe Lincoln had much confidential information which would be of use to "a potential enemy". He would be a prime target for Arab terrorists.

Woman charged with 12 murders

Judith Theresa Ward, aged 25, accused of the murder of Fusilier Stephen Whalley in the M62 coach bomb explosion, was further charged yesterday with murdering the 11 other victims.

Miss Ward, of Middlesex Road, Stockport, Cheshire, was making her eleventh appearance at Dewsbury magistrates' Court, Yorkshire. She was remanded in custody until next Tuesday.

M Giscard d'Esta confident the tide running in his fav

From Charles Hargrove
Toulouse, April 30

M Giscard d'Estaing, fortified by the opinion poll published yesterday, is confident that the tide of popular support is now running strongly in his favour in the presidential election campaign. Five days before the first ballot, he is already looking beyond it to the second, and to his fight to the finish with M Francois Mitterrand, the candidate of the left.

"It turned earlier than expected", he told reporters last night after a tour of South-West France, and meetings in Perpignan, Bayonne, Albi and Toulouse. "Some time last week—was it at Rennes?—I felt things were really changing. The audiences got younger and more enthusiastic. The current flowed."

He, too, has changed since I first heard him in Dijon, 10 days ago, at the beginning of his campaign. He has shed almost every trace of a certain aloofness and coolness. His approach is no longer technocratic or professorial, but warmer and more human and at the same time more assured—already presidential.

Competence remains his great asset, but it is seasoned with feeling. He continues to treat people as intelligent human beings and explains serious things seriously. He is always dignified and restrained, never stoops to personal attacks or mentions his opponents by name.

But he unbends more easily, and takes to mass meetings—especially if there is the additional spice of a little heckling—as a duck takes to water. "One must appeal to the reason and judgment of Frenchmen", he said in Toulouse, "but also to their hearts."

The *grand bourgeois*, right-wing image of the man born with a silver spoon in his mouth, to whom every success in life has come effortlessly, clung to him at first and robbed his promises of social reform of a good deal of their impact. Both M Mitterrand and M Chaban-Delmas do everything in their power to make it stick, to oppose the forces of reaction to those of progress.

But that image is being superseded by one of the *Rassembleur*, the *Conciliateur*, who will reconcile Frenchmen from the right with those as far left as the common programme of the left. He appeals to those Frenchmen who are basically conservative even if they vote Socialist or Communist, who "wish, not a break with what has been done in the past, but the acceleration of effort and progress", and "reject collectivism, which no Western nation has adopted".

Toulouse was Giscard d'Esta popular triumph, people packed th Sports, and a co sand more outsi-

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EEC call for rice cuts to disperse bef mount

From David Cross
Luxembourg, April 30

The European Commission today came forward with a mixed bag of measures designed to disperse the Community's growing beef surpluses. The beef mountain now stands at more than 70,000 tons because market prices have fallen below the guaranteed minimum prices paid to Community producers.

The Commission's plans include suggestions to sell cut-price beef to hospitals, schools and old people's homes, as well as to put pressure on butchers to reduce shop prices.

The Commission's suggestions, which also included measures aimed at discouraging beef imports from non-member countries, were being discussed in Luxembourg tonight by mini s of agriculture o one of their regu ssions. The Italian are far from satisfie ommission's ideas, v gued, were not ough.

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Both Britain and th sion have continued moves for a complet imports from non-mem tries, on the groun upsets the Communi tional trading partner

Salmon quota exceeded

Copenhagen, April 30.—Greenland's salmon fishermen exceeded their catch quota by per cent, or 474 tons, in 19 the American Committee for Atlantic Salmon has claimed in letter to Danish authorities.

A Ministry of Greenland official admitted the figure is correct. In September, 19 when 900 tons of salmon had been landed, plans were made to stop fishing. When fishing stopped five days later, catches had risen to 1,574 tons.

British climb found dead

Garmisch-Partenkirc 30.—A search party covered the body of climber missing in the near here since Eas German police said to

They said that Mr ward Lang, aged 36, of Surrey, appeared to from exposure on East day after spraining his ing a lone climbing had been working in as a computer progr Reuter.

Austrian parties nomin presidentia candidates

From Gretel Spitzer
Vienna, April 30

The ruling Austrian Socialist Party and the conservative Austrian People's Party today both named their candidates for the presidency vacated by the death of Dr Franz Jonas.

The Socialists nominated Dr Rudolf Kirchschläger, the Foreign Minister, who is 5 The People's Party chose D Alois Lugger, the burgomaster of Innsbruck, who is 61. The nomination is still subject to approval on Thursday This however is taken for granted.

The Conservatives' choice came as a surprise. So far all signs pointed to Dr Hermann Withalm, the former vice-chancellor. Dr Karl Steinzer, the party chairman, implied in a press statement today that Dr Lugger had a better chance to win the election on June 23.

Observers, however, have little doubt that the next President will be Dr Kirchschläger, who is not a member of any party.

Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Chancellor and party Chairman, believes that the choice will fit the Socialist Party suffered setbacks in elections during the p or so. Party officials f the downward trend m tinue in the local elec Lower Austria on June

Some sources believe the choice of the pres candidate reverses that t the lower Austria po Kreisky may call an national election, possi the autumn, instead o year.

Observers believe tha People's Party does not se have much chance to retu power despite growing di faction with the present ernment, caused mainly by continuing inflation.

The latest report of the nomic Research Institute th optimistic about the rate growth and exports was les about consumer prices.

Price increases in Ma were the highest since the 19 and the Institute predicted t the price index will go up ag in April

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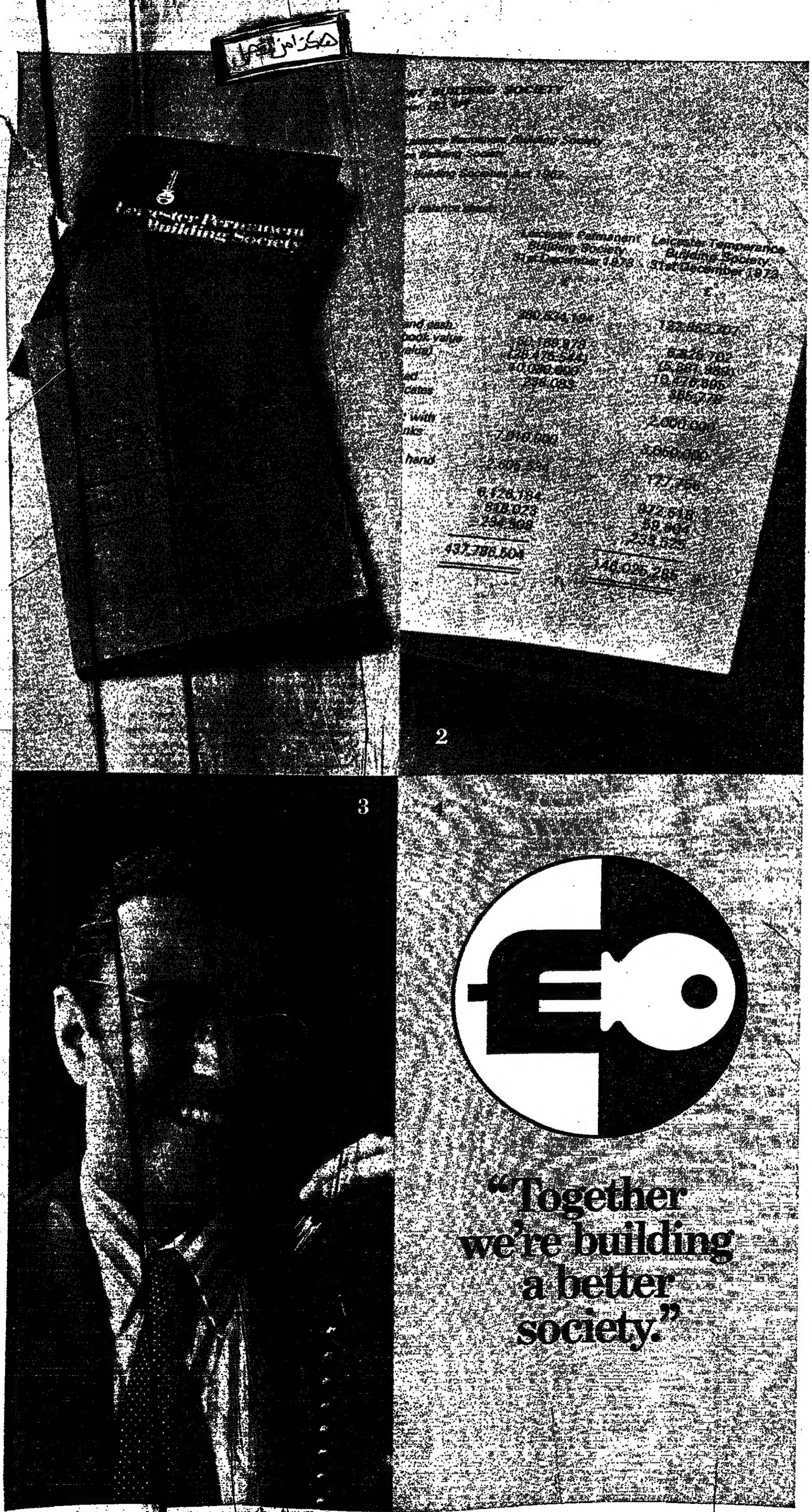

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PRESIDENT NIXON

Edited transcripts of conversations tape-recorded at the White House

President Nixon's submission to the judiciary committee, most of which is printed below, is a lawyer's brief. It puts the best possible construction on the recorded conversations. It is in effect an edited version of an edited version because the transcript delivered to the committee in a 1,200 page appendix has been avowedly purged of what Mr Nixon's lawyers consider irrelevancies, blasphemies, obscenities, and slurs on individuals.

Among the cast are—White House staff: John Dean, H. R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, Ron Ziegler, Gordon Strachan, Leonard Garment; Richard Kliendienst, Attorney General; William Rogers, Secretary of State; Hexy Petersen, Assistant Attorney General; convicted Watergate conspirators: Howard Hunt, Gordon Liddy, former White House aide Charles Colson, former Attorney General John Mitchell, former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans; Fred LaRue, Jeb Magruder and Paul O'Brien, Creep Staff.

President Nixon explains his decision in a nationwide broadcast to send the House judiciary committee edited transcripts of his conversations about Watergate (right) rather than the original tapes.

Submission of recorded Presidential conversations of the committee on the judiciary of the House of Representatives by President Richard Nixon

On April 11, 1974, the committee on the judiciary of the House of Representatives of the Congress caused a subpoena to be issued to the President of the United States, returnable on April 25, 1974. The subpoena called for the production of tapes and other materials relating to 42 presidential conversations.

With respect to all but three of these conversations, The subpoena called for the production of the tapes and related materials without regard to the subject matter, or matters, dealt with in these conversations. In the President's view, such a broad-scale subpoena is unwarranted. As the United States court of appeals in *Nixon vs Sirica* has stated, " wholesale public access to executive deliberations and documents would cripple the executive as a co-equal branch " and as the President has repeatedly stated, he will not participate in the destruction of the office of the presidency of the United States by permitting unlimited access to presidential conversations and documents.

The President, on the other hand, does recognize that the House committee on the judiciary has constitutional responsibilities to examine fully into his conduct and therefore the *President has provided* the annexed transcripts of all or portions of the subpoena conversations that were recorded and of a number of additional non-subpoena conversations that clearly show what knowledge the President had of an alleged cover-up of the Watergate break-in and what actions he took when he was informed of the cover-up. The President believes that these are the matters that primarily concern the Congress and the American people.

In order that the committee may be satisfied that he has in fact disclosed this pertinent material to the committee, *the President* has invited the chairman and (senior) minority member to review the subpoenaed tapes to satisfy themselves that a full and complete disclosure of the pertinent contents of these tapes has, indeed, been made. If, after such review, they have any questions regarding his conduct, the President has stated that he stands ready to respond under oath to written interrogatories and to meet with the chairman and ranking minority member of the committee at the White House to discuss these matters if they so desire.

The President is making this response, which exceeds the material called for in the subpoena, in order that the committee will be able to carry out its responsibilities and bring this matter to an expeditious conclusion.

The attached transcripts represent the best efforts accurately to transcribe the material contained on the recording tapes. Expletives have been omitted in the interest of good taste, except where necessary to depict accurately the context of the conversation. Characterization of third persons, in fairness to them, and other material *not relating to the* President's conduct has been omitted, except where inclusion is relevant and material as bearing on the President's conduct.

In order that the material submitted in this response to the committee's subpoena can be viewed in the context of the events surrounding the Watergate *incident* and thereafter, the following summary is provided.

The break-in at the Watergate—June 17, 1972

When the break-in at Watergate occurred and the participants were arrested, the President was in Florida. As he has stated many times, he had no prior knowledge of this activity and had nothing whatsoever to do with it. No one has stated otherwise, not even Mr *Dean, former counsel to the President*, who is the only one who has made any charges against the President. During the course of Dean's conversation with the President on February 28, 1973, the *President stated to Dean*:

" Of course I am not dumb and I will never forget when I heard about this—forced entry and bugging. I thought: ' What is this? What is the matter with these people, are they crazy? ' I thought they were nuts."

During the conversation between *the President and Dean on the* morning of March 21, 1973, the tape of which has also previously been provided the committee, Dean strongly disclaimed to the President that anyone at the White House knew of the break-in in advance:

" I honestly believe that no one over here knew that. I know that as God is my maker I had no knowledge that they were going to do this."

In the conversation of the President with Mr Haldeman and Mr Ehrlichman on March 27, 1973, the following exchange, which conclusively *demonstrates* the President's lack of foreknowledge, took place:

Haldeman—O'Brien raised the question whether Dean actually had no knowledge of what was going on in the intelligence area between the time of the meetings in Mitchell's office, when he said don't do anything, and the time of the Watergate discovery. *And* I put that very question to Dean, and he said " absolutely nothing ".

President—I would—the reason *I would totally agree—that I would* believe Dean there (unintelligible) he would be lying to us about that. But I would believe for another reason—that *he thought it was a* stupid damn idea.

Ehrlichman—There just isn't a scintilla of *hint* that Dean knew about this. Dean was pretty good all through that period of time in sharing things, and he was tracking with a number of us on . . .

President—But the way you have handled all this seems to me has been very skilful putting your fingers in the leaks that have sprung here and sprung there. So it should *link . . . are awfully embarrassed.*

Allegations of a cover-up prior to March 21, 1973

Of all the witnesses who have testified publicly with respect to allegations of an illegal cover-up of the Watergate break-in prior to March 21, 1973, *only* Mr Dean has accused the President of participation in such a cover-up.

In his testimony before the Senate select committee, Dean stated that he was " certain after the September 15 meeting that the President was fully aware of the cover-up ". However, in answering questions of Senator Baker, he *modified this by stating it* " *is an inference of mine*". Later he admitted he had no personal knowledge that the President knew on September 15 about a cover-up of Watergate.

The tape of the conversation between the President and Dean on September 15, 1972, does not in any way support Dean's testimony that the President was " fully aware of the cover-up ". The tape of September 15, 1972, does indeed contain a passage in which the President does congratulate Dean for doing a good job:

President—Oh well, this is a can *of worms as you know a lot of* this stuff that went on. And the people who worked this way are awfully embarrassed.

Well, you know the thing the reason that (unintelligible) thought—and this incidentally covers Colson—and I don't know whether . . . I know that most everybody *except* Bob, and perhaps you, think Colson knew all about it. But I was talking to Colson, remember exclusively about—and maybe that was the point—exclusively about issues . . .

Right. That was what it is. But in all those talks he had plenty of opportunity. He was always coming to me with ideas, but Colson in that entire period, John, didn't mention it. I think he would have said: " Look, we've gotten some *information.*" *But he never said* they were.

Haldeman, in this whole period, Haldeman I am sure—Bob and you, he talked to both of you about the campaign. Never a word. I mean maybe all of you knew but didn't tell me, but I can't believe that Colson, well . . .

This was said in the context not of a criminal plot to obstruct justice, as Dean alleges, but rather in the context of the politics of the matter, such as civil suits, counter-suits, Democratic efforts to exploit Watergate as a political issue and *the like. The reference to* " putting your finger in leaks " was clearly related to the handling of the political and public relations aspect of the matter. At no point was the word " contained " used, as Dean insisted had been the case in his testimony.

This is an example of the possible ambiguities that the President says exists in these tapes: that someone with a motive to discredit the President could take out of *context and distort* to suit his own purposes.

If Dean did in fact believe that the President was aware of efforts illegally to conceal the break-in prior to March 21, 1973, it is strange that Dean on that date felt compelled to disclose to the President for the first time what he *later testified the President already* knew.

Further questions of Dean's credibility concerning the President's conduct are raised by his testimony before the Senate select committee that it was on March 13, 1973, that he told the President about money demands and threats of blackmail. He *said* he was " very clear " about this date.

It now develops that the conversation with the President, on *the date of* which Dean was so clear, did not in fact take place until the morning of March 21, 1973, as the President has always contended. At no point in the tape of March 13, 1973, conference between the President and Dean is there any reference to threats of blackmail or raising a million dollars. *These references are contained* in the tape of March 21, 1973, morning meeting between the President and Dean.

This discrepancy in Dean's testimony from the tapes of these two meetings is surprising in the light of Dean's self-professed excellent memory and the certainty with which he fixed the date of the blackmail disclosure on March 13, 1973, rather than March 21, 1973. Curiously, on April 16, 1973, as evidenced by the *recording of his* meeting on that morning with the President, Dean recalled very specifically that his revelation to *the President was on the Wednes*day preceding the Friday (March 23) that the Watergate defendants were sentenced.

Dean's testimony to the Senate may have been simply an error, of course, or it may have been an effort to have his disclosures to the President predate what was then at least thought to be the date of the last payment to Hunt's attorney for his fees, namely March 20, 1973. As far as the President is concerned, however, it makes no difference when this payment was made; he not only opposed the payment, but never even knew that it had been *made until mid-April, when the* facts were finally disclosed to him.

In this connexion it is interesting to note that Dean testified that on March 30, 1973, he told his attorneys " everything that I could remember ". Yet Dean's list of April 14 of persons whom he believed were indictable did not include the President. Attorney General Kleindienst testified that Mr Silbert, who had been interviewing Mr Dean and conferring at *length with his counsel, reported* on the night of April 14, 1973, that " nothing was said to me that night that would implicate the President of the United States ".

This same thing was confirmed by Mr Petersen, who testified that as of April 27 they had no information implicating the President. In fact it was not until after April 30, 1973, when Dean was discharged, that he for the first time charged *the President with knowledge of a* cover-up as early as September 15, 1972.

The meeting of March 21, 1973, am between the President and Dean and later Haldeman

On or about February 27, 1973, Dean had been instructed to report directly to the President regarding the executive privilege issues raised in the context of the Gray nomination hearings and the prospective Ervin committee hearings, rather than to Ehrlichman as it was taking up too much of Mr Ehrlichman's time from his regular duties. Previous to this Dean had been keeping *himself informed as to the progress* of the FBI and Department of Justice investigation on Watergate so that he could keep Erlichman and Haldeman informed.

Both Attorney General Kleindienst and Mr Peterson confirmed that Dean had represented to them that he was " responsible to keep the President informed," that he " had been delegated by the President to be posted and kept informed throughout the course of the investigation ".

It is equally clear from the recorded conversations between Dean and the President that he did *not keep the President fully in*formed until March 21, 1973.

Apparently Dean even on March 21, 1973, concealed other matters from the President as well. In United States v Stans, et al, he testified that despite the fact that he had made calls to the SEC, he told the President " no one at the White House has done anything for Wesco ". Of course the statement to the President was not true if Dean did make such calls for he certainly was at the White House.

Among the other significant matters which Dean did not report to the President, even on March 21, 1973, were that Dean had assisted Magruder in preparing his perjured grand jury testimony; that Dean had authorized promises of executive clemency to be made to Watergate defendants; that he had personally handled money which went to the Watergate defendants; that he had delivered documents from Hunt's safe to FBI director Gray; that Dean had personally destroyed documents from Hunt's safe; or that Dean had ordered Hunt out of the country and then retracted the order.

Indeed, on April 16, 1973, Dean so acknowledged that fact to the *President, when he said*: " I have tried all along to make sure that anything I passed to you didn't cause you any personal problem."

An analysis of the March 21, 1973, am conversation thus becomes important in assessing the conduct of the President. On the previous evening the President and Dean talked by telephone and Dean requested a meeting with the President.

They met the next morning, *alone at first*, and later Mr *Halde*man joined them about halfway through the meeting, rather than for only the last few minutes, as Dean testified. After some preliminary remarks concerning the Gray confirmation hearings, Dean stated the real purpose for the meeting:

" The reason that I thought we ought to talk this morning is because in our conversations I have the impression that you don't *know everything. I know and it* makes it very difficult for you to make judgments that only you can make on some of these things and I thought that . . ."

He then proceeded to detail for the President what he believed the President should be made aware of. First in the " overall ", Dean stated: " We have a cancer within, close to the presidency, that is growing ", and that " people are going to start perjuring themselves. . . ."

He described the genesis of the DNC (Democratic Party offices) break-in; the employment of Liddy; the formulation of a series of plans by Liddy which Dean disavowed, as did Mr Haldeman; the belief that the Creep had a lawful intelligence gathering operation and the receipt of information from this source; and the arrest at the DNC on June 17, 1972. He then informed the *President of a* call to Liddy shortly thereafter inquiring " . . . whether anybody in the White House was involved in this " and the response: " No, they were not ".

Dean then advised the President of the allegation that Magruder and Porter had committed perjury before the grand jury in denying knowledge that the DNC was to be bugged. He did not tell the President he had helped " prepare " Magruder's testimony as he later admitted before the Senate committee. Dean said he did not know what Mitchell had testified to before the grand jury.

Dean next laid out for the President what happened after June 17. He informed the President: " I was under pretty clear instructions not to investigate this . . . I worked on a theory of containment —to try to hold it right where it was "; and he admitted that he was " totally aware " of what the FBI and grand jury were doing. Throughout these disclosures the President asked Dean a number of questions such as:

" Tell me this: did Mitchell go along? Did Colson know what they (Liddy and Hunt) were talking about? *Did he (Colson)* talk with Haldeman? Did he (Haldeman) know where it (the information) was coming from? " Altogether, the President asked Dean more than 150 questions in the course of this meeting.

Dean then described to the President the commencement of what he alleges was a cover-up involving himself and others. Implicit in these revelations, of course, is that the President was not involved but rather he was learning of these allegations for the first time. In fact, later in the conversation, Dean said: " I know, Sir, I can just tell from our conversation that these are things you have no knowledge of."

Dean next recited receiving a demand " from Hunt to me " through an intermediary for " $120,000 (about £50,000) for personal expenses and attorney's fees ", which " he wanted as of the close of business yesterday " (March 29).

Dean told how he rejected the demand: " If you want money, you came to the wrong man, fellow. I am not involved in the money. I don't know a thing about it. I can't help you. You better scramble about elsewhere."

Dean also claimed that Hunt had threatened Ehrlichman if he was not paid the money he demanded. Dean analysed the situation as he saw it, pointing out that a number of people knew about these events, including Mrs Hunt, who had died in a plane crash.

At the mention of *Mrs Hunt*, the President interjected that this was a " great sadness " and that he " recalled a conversation with someone about Hunt's problem on account of his wife and the President said that " of course commutation could be considered on the basis of his wife's death, and that was the only conversation I ever had in that light ". During their conversations, the President repeatedly *and categorically rejected* the idea of clemency.

Following this lengthy description of what had transpired, the conversation dealt with what should be done about the situation presented by Hunt's demands. A number of alternatives were considered. Dean pointed out that the blackmail would continue, that it would cost $1m and would be difficult to handle.

Dean—What really bothers me is this growing situation. *As I* say, it is growing because of the continued need to provide support for the Watergate people who are *going to hold us up for everything* we've got, and the need for some people to perjure themselves as they go down the road here. If *this thing ever blows*, then we are in a cover-up situation. I think it would be extremely damaging to you and the. . . .

President—Sure. The whole concept of administration (of) justice which we cannot have.

Dean then made a recommendation. Dean was unsure of the best course to follow but stated the approach he preferred.

Dean—That's right. I am coming down to what I really think is that Bob and John and John Mitchell and I can sit down and spend a day, or however long, to figure out, one how this can be carved away from you, so that it does not damage you or the Presidency. It just can't. You are not involved in it and it is something you shouldn't. . . .

President—That is true! The President then began to press Dean for his advice as to what should be done.

President—So what you really come to is what we do . . . complete disclosure, isn't that the best way to do it?

Dean—Well, one way to do it is. . . .

President—That would be my view.

Dean then suggested that another grand jury should be convened but Dean points out that " some people are going to have to go to jail. That is the long and the short of it also."

Among the alternatives considered were the payment of the money generally and the payment of the amount demanded by Hunt specifically. The mechanics of these alternatives, such as how the money could be raised and delivered, were explored.

The President expressed the belief that the money could be raised and, perhaps, even a way could be found to deliver it. However, he recognized and pointed *out that blackmail would continue* endlessly, and in the final analysis would not be successful unless the Watergate defendants were given executive clemency, which he said adamantly could not be done. The President stated: " No, it is wrong, that's for sure."

After the alternatives were explored, the President's conclusion regarding the demands for money were clearly stated: " . . . but in the end, we are going to be bled to death. And in the end, it is all going to come out anyway. Then you get the worst of both worlds. We are going to lose and *the people are going to* . . . "

Haldeman—And look like dopes.

President—And in effect look like a cover-up, so that we can't do . . .

Restating it, the President said: " But my point is, do you ever have any choice on Hunt? That is the point. No matter what we do here now, John, whatever he wants is he doesn't get it—immunity, etc, he is going to blow the whistle."

Finally the discussion on what should be done was concluded by the President, at least tentatively deciding to have another grand jury investigation at which members of the White House staff would appear and testify:

President—I hate to leave with differences in view of all this stripped land. I could understand this but I think I want another grand jury proceeding and we will have the White House appear before them. *Is that right, John?*

Further discussion ensued concerning the benefits of calling for a grand jury investigation—political as well as substantive—and the meeting ended with an agreement to have Dean, Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman meet the next day to consider what they would recommend. The conclusion of the meeting, however, was not ambiguous:

Haldeman—We should change that a little bit. John's point is exactly right. The erosion here now is going to you, and that is the thing that we have to turn off at whatever cost. We have to turn it off at the lowest cost we can, but at whatever cost it takes.

Dean—That's what we have to do.

President—Well, the erosion is inevitably going to come here, apart from anything and all the people saying well the Watergate isn't a major issue. It isn't, but it will be. It's bound to. (unintelligible) has to go out. Delaying is the great anger to the White House area. *We don't. I say that* the White House can't do it, right?

In the afternoon of the same day, March 21, 1973, the President met again with Dean, Haldeman and now Ehrlichman. This conversation makes it even more clear that the President did not suggest that blackmail should be paid to Hunt.

Ehrlichman—The problem of the Hunt thing or some of these other people, there is just no sign off on them. That problem goes on and on.

President—Maybe we face the situation. We can't do a thing about the participants. If it is going to be that way eventually, why not now? That is what you are sort of resigned to, isn't it?

And later near the end of the meeting—You see, If we go your route of cutting the cancer out—*if we cut it out now*. Take a Hunt, wouldn't that knock the hell out out from under him?

Dean—That's right.

Shortly after this the President terminated the meeting, apparently rather abruptly, inquiring as to the time for the meeting the next day among Mitchell, Dean, Haldeman and Ehrlichman.

The President next met with his principal aides and now Mitchell on the afternoon of March 22, 1973. This was the first meeting of the President with John Mitchell following the disclosures of March 21, 1973. Mitchell and the others had met that morning as the President had requested. If the allegations of the grand jury as stated in pending indictments are correct as to when the arrangements for the payment of Hunt's legal fees were made, they would have had to have been made prior to *this meeting on the afternoon of* March 22.

The tape recording of this meeting establishes that no one at the *meeting* disclosed to the President that such an arrangement had been made. In fact, the President was not informed about these arrangements until mid-April when Ehrlichman was reporting the results of his investigation to the President. In attempting to pin down what had happened, the President was given two versions, one by Ehrlichman and Haldeman on April 14 and another by John Dean on April 16.

Ehrlichman and Haldeman explained to the President what had transpired:

President—What happened?

Ehrlichman—And he just said, " It's taken care of."

Haldeman—Mitchell raised the problem to Dean and said, " What have *you done about that other* problem? " Dean said.

Haldeman—He kind of looked at us, and then said, " Well, you know, I don't know." And Mitchell said, " Oh, I guess that's been taken care of." Apparently through Larue.

President—Apparently who?

Haldeman—Larue. Dean told us, Larue.

On April 16 Dean described how it happened that Hunt's legal fees were paid. After repeating Hunt's threat against Ehrlichman he said:

Dean—All right I took that to John Ehrlichman, Ehrlichman said, " Have you talked to Mitchell about it? ". I said, " No I have not. " He said well, will you talk to Mitchell? ". I said, " Yes I will. " I talked to Mitchell. I just passed it along to him. And then we were meeting down here a few days later in Bob's office with Bob, *and Ehrlichman and Mitchell* and myself. And Ehrlichman said at that time, " Well is that problem with Hunt straightened out? " He said it to me and I said, " Well ask the man who may know. Mitchell. " Mitchell said, " I think that problem is solved."

President—That's all?

Dean—That's all he said.

If Dean's disclosure to the President on April 16, 1973, about the payment of Hunt's legal fees is to be believed, then it is clear that this fact was concealed from the President when he met with Mitchell and the others on the afternoon of March 22. The explanation for this concealment perhaps is contained in a significant statement made by Dean to the President at their meeting on the morning of April 16, 1973:

Dean—I have tried all along to make sure that anything I passed to you myself didn't cause you any personal problems.

This explanation for not making a full disclosure to the President may have been well intentioned at *the time* but in the last analysis only served to prolong the investigation.

The conduct of the President following the disclosures made on March 21, 1973

Dean disclosed for the first time on March 21, 1973, that he had been engaged in conduct that might have amounted to obstruction of justice and allegations that other high officials and former officials were also involved. These matters were thoroughly probed by the President in his talk with Dean, with the President often taking the role of devil's advocate; sometimes merely thinking out loud.

Having received this information of possible obstruction of justice having taken place following the break-in at the DNC, the President promptly undertook an investigation into the facts. The record discloses that the President started his investigation the night of his meeting with Dean on March 21, as confirmed by Dean in his conversation with the President on April 16, 1973.

At the meeting with Mitchell and the others on the afternoon of March 22, the President instructed Dean to prepare a written report *of his earlier oral disclosures*:

Haldeman—I think you (Dean) ought to hole up for the weekend and do that and get it done.

President—Sure.

Haldeman—Give it your full attention and get it done.

President—I *think* you need—why don't you do this? Why don't you go up to Camp David?

Dean—I might do it. I might do it.

President—Completely away from the press. Just go up there and (inaudible). I want a written report.

The recording of this conversation is which the President instructed Dean to go to Camp David to write a report should be compared with Dean testimony in which he stated:

" He (the President) never at any time asked me to write a report and he wasn't until after I had arrived at Camp David that I received a call from Haldeman asking me to write the report up. "

Dean in fact did go to Camp David and apparently did some work on such a report but he not completed the task. The President then asked Ehrlichman to investigate the allegations.

By as early as March 27 the President met with Ehrlichman and Haldeman to discuss the evidence thus far developed and how it would be best to proceed.

On April 30, the President gave a nation-wide address. He announced that he accepted the resignation of Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Attorney General Kliendienst and Dean. The President then announced the nomination of Elliot Richardson as the new Attorney-General.

Conclusion

Throughout the period of the Watergate affair the raw material of the recorded confidential conversations establishes that the President had no prior knowledge of the break-in and that he had no knowledge of any cover-up prior to March 21, 1973. In all of the thousands of words spoken, even though they are often unclear and ambiguous, not *once does it appear* that he President of the United Stat, was engaged in a criminal plot to obstruct justice.

On March 21, 1973, when the President learned for the first time of allegations of such a plot and an alleged attempt to blackmail the White House, he sought to find out the facts first from John Dean, the others. When it appeared as a result of these investigations that there was reason to believe that there may have been some wrongdoing, he conferred with the Attorney-General and with the agent in charge of the criminal division of the Department of Justice and cooperated fully to bring the matter expeditiously before the grand jury.

Ultimately Dean has pleaded guilty to a felony and seven former White House officials stand indicted. Their innocence or guilt will be determined in a court of law.

This is as it should be.

The recent acquittals of former Secretary Stans and former Attorney-General *Mitchell in the* Vesco case demonstrate the wisdom of the President's actions in insisting that the orderly process of the judicial system be utilized to determine guilt or innocence of individuals charged with crime, rather than participating in trials in the public media.

Answer to House committee's subpoena for Watergate tapes comes in televised speech

Washington, April 30.—*Following is a partial text of* President Nixon's televised speech last night on Watergate:

I have asked for this time tonight in order to announce my answer to the House judiciary committee's subpoena for additional Watergate *tapes, and to tell you something* about the actions I shall be taking tomorrow—about what I hope they will mean to you, and about the very difficult choices they have presented to me.

These actions will at last, once and for all, show that *what I knew and what I did with regard to* the Watergate break-in and cover-up were just as I have described them to you from the very beginning.

I have spent many hours during the past few weeks thinking about what I would say to the American people if I were to reach the *decision I shall announce tonight*. So my words have not been lightly chosen, and I can assure you they are deeply felt.

In these folders, are more than 1,200 pages of transcripts of private conversations I participated in between September 15, 1972, and April 27 of last year with my principal aides and associates with regard to Watergate.

They include all the relevant portions of all of the subpoenaed *conversations* that were *recorded* —that is, all portions that relate to the question of what I knew about Watergate or the cover-up, and what I did about it.

They also include transcripts of other conversations which were not subpoenaed but which have a significant bearing on the question of presidential actions with regard to Watergate. These will be delivered to the committee tomorrow.

In these transcripts, portions not relevant to my knowledge or actions with regard to Watergate are not included, but everything that is relevant is included—the rough as well as the smooth, the *strategy sessions, the exploration* of alternatives, the weighing of human and political costs. As far as what the President personally knew and did with regard to Watergate and the cover-up is concerned, these materials—together with those already made available —will tell it all.

I shall invite Chairman Rodino and the committee's ranking minority member, Congressman Hutchinson, to come to the White House and listen to the actual full tapes of these conversations so they can determine for themselves, beyond question, that the transcripts are accurate and that everything on the tapes relevant to my knowledge and my actions on Watergate is included.

If there should be any disagreement over whether omitted *material is relevant, I shall meet* with them personally in an effort to settle the matter. I believe this arrangement is fair and appropriate.

For many days now, I have spent many hours of my own time personally reviewing these materials, and personally deciding questions of *relevancy*. *I believe it is* appropriate that the committee's review should also be made by its own senior elected officials, not by staff employees.

The task of Chairman Rodino and Congressman Hutchinson will be made simpler by the fact that the work of preparing the transcripts has been *completed*; *all* they will need to do is satisfy themselves of their authenticity and completeness.

In the context of the current impeachment climate, I believe all the American people as well as their representatives in Congress are entitled to have not only the facts, but also the evidence that demonstrate those facts. I want there to be no question remaining about the fact that the President has nothing to hide in this matter.

The impeachment of a President *is a remedy of last resort*, the most solemn act of our constitutional process. Regardless of whether or not it succeeded, the action of the House in voting a formal accusation requiring trial by the Senate would put the nation through a wrenching ordeal it has endured only once in its lifetime, a century ago, and never *since* America has become a world power with global responsibilities. The impact of such an ordeal would be felt throughout the world and on the lives of all Americans for many years to come.

Because this is an issue that profoundly affects all the American people, *in addition to turning over* these transcripts to the House judiciary committee, I have directed that they should all be made public. To complete the record, I shall also release to the public transcripts of all those portions of the tapes already turned over to the special prosecutor and to the *committee that relate to presiden*tial actions or knowledge of the Watergate affair.

The basic question at issue today is whether the President personally acted improperly in the Watergate matter. Month after month of rumour, insinuation and charges by just one Watergate witness—*John Dean—suggested that he did.* This sparked the demands for an impeachment inquiry. This is the question that must be answered. *This is the question that will be* answered by these transcripts that I have ordered published tomorrow.

These transcripts cover hour upon hour of discussions that I held with H. R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, John Dean, John Mitchell, former Attorney General Kleindienst, Assistant Attorney General Petersen and others with regard to Watergate—discussions in which I was probing to find out what happened, who was responsible, what were the various degrees of responsibility, what were *the legal culpabilities*, what were the political ramifications, and what actions were necessary and appropriate.

I realize that these transcripts will provide grist for many sensational stories in the press. Parts will seem to be contradictory with one another, and parts will be in conflict with some of the testimony given in the Senate Watergate committee hearings.

I have been reluctant to release *these tapes not just because they* will embarrass me and those whom I talked with—which they will—and not just because they will become the subjects of *speculation* and even ridicule—which they will —and not just because certain parts of them will be seized upon by my political and journalistic opponents—which they will.

I have been reluctant because in these and in all the other conversations in my office, people have *spoken their minds freely, never* dreaming that specific sentences or even parts of sentences would be picked up as the subjects of national attention and controversy.

I have been reluctant because the principle of confidentiality is absolutely essential to the conduct of the presidency. In reading the raw transcripts of these conversations, I believe it will be more readily apparent why that principle is essential and must be maintained in the future. *These conversations* are unusual in their subject matter, but the same kind of uninhibited discussion—the same brutal candour—*is necessary in discussing* how to bring warring factions to the peace table, or how to move necessary legislation through the Congress.

I was quite frankly concerned about the political implications. This represented potentially a devastating blow to the Administration and to its programmes and one which I knew would be *exploited for all it was worth by* hostile elements in the Congress and also in the media. I wanted to do what was right, but I wanted to do it in the way that would cause the least unnecessary damage in a highly charged political atmosphere to the Administration.

Despite the confusions and contradictions, what does come through clearly is this:

John Dean charged in sworn Senate testimony that I was " fully aware of the cover-up " at the time of our first meeting, on September 15. These transcripts show clearly that I first learned of it when Mr Dean himself told me about it on March 21—*some six months later*.

Incidentally, these transcripts—covering hours upon hours of conversations—should place in somewhat better perspective the controversy over the 18½ minute gap in the tape of my conversation with Mr Haldeman back in June of 1972. How it was caused is still a mystery to me.

I am absolutely certain, however, of one thing: that it was not caused intentionally by my secretary, Rose Mary Woods, or by anyone else on the White House staff. And certainly, if the theory were true that during those 18½ minutes Mr Haldeman and I cooked up some sort of a Watergate cover-up scheme, as so many have been quick to surmise, it hardly seems likely that in all our subsequent conversations—which neither of us ever expected would see the light of day—there is nothing remotely indicating such a scheme; indeed, quite the contrary.

From the start, I have said that in many places on the tapes there were ambiguities—statements and comments that different people with different perspectives might interpret in drastically different ways. But although the words may be ambiguous, though the discussions may have explored many alternatives, the record of my *actions is totally clear now and I* still believe it was totally correct then.

A prime example is one of the most controversial discussions, that with John Dean on March 21—the one in which he first told me of the cover-up, with Mr Haldeman joining us midway through. John Dean's revelations to me on March 21 were a sharp surprise, even though the report he gave me was far from complete, especially as it *concerned the extent of his own* criminal involvement.

I was particularly concerned by his report that one of the Watergate defendants, Howard Hunt, was threatening blackmail . . . and that he was attempting to blackmail the White House not by threatening exposure on the Watergate matter but by threatening to reveal activities that would expose extremely sensitive, highly secret national security matters that he had worked on *before Watergate*.

I probed, questioned, tried to learn all he knew about who was involved and what was involved. I asked more than 150 questions in the nearly two-hour meeting. He said to me—as the transcripts show: " I can just tell from our conversation that these are things that you have no knowledge of."

It was only considerably later that I learnt how much there was that he did not tell me then—for example, that he himself had authorized promises of clemency, that he had personally handled money for the Watergate defen*dants, that he had suborned per*jury.

I returned several times to the immediate problem posed by *Hunt's blackmail threat*, which to me was not a Watergate problem but one which I regarded, rightly or wrongly, as a potential national security problem of serious proportions. I considered long and hard whether it might in fact be better to let the payments go forward, at least temporarily, in the hope that these national security matters would not be exposed in the course of *uncovering* the Watergate cover-up.

I believed then, and I believe today, that I had a responsibility as President to consider *every option*—including this one—where protection of sensitive national security matters was at issue. In the course of considering it—and of " just thinking out loud ", as I put it at one point—I several times suggested that meeting Hunt's demands might be necessary.

But I also traced though were that would lead. The money did be raised. But money demands would lead inescapably to clemency demands, and clemency could not be granted. I said " It is wrong, that's for sure. " I pointed out: " But in the end we are going to be bled to death. And in the end it *is all going to come out anyway*. Then you get the worst of both worlds. We are going to lose and people are going to . . . "

" *And* look like dopes, " said Haldeman.

" And in effect, " I added, " look like a cover-up. So that we can't do. "

I recognize that this be of March 21 is one into which different meanings could be read by different people. But by the end of the meeting, as the tapes show, my decision was to convene a new grand jury—and to send everyone before the grand jury with instructions to testify.

Let me quote just a few lines from the transcripts, so that you can hear for yourself the tenor I was giving in this period.

Speaking to Haldeman and Ehrlichman: ". . . It is ridiculous to talk about clemency. They all knew that."

Speaking to Ehrlichman: " We all have to do the right thing . . . we just cannot have this kind of a business . . . "

Speaking to Haldeman and Ehrlichman: " The boil had to be pricked . . . we have to prick the boil and take the heat. Now that's what we are doing here."

Speaking to Henry Petersen: " I want you to be sure you understand, that you know we are going to get to the bottom of this thing."

Speaking to John Dean: " Tell the truth. *That is the thing I have* told everybody around here."

I am confident that the American people will see these transcripts for what they are: fragmentary records from a time, more than a year ago, that now seems distant; the records of a President, and of a man, suddenly being confronted *and having to cope with information* which, if true, would have the most far-reaching consequences not only for his personal reputation but also for his hopes and plans and goals for the people who had elected him their leader.

If read with an open and a fair mind, and read together with the record of the actions I took, these transcripts will show that what I have stated from the beginning to be the truth has been the truth; that I personally had no knowledge of the break-in before it occurred; that I had no knowledge of the cover-up until I was finally told about it by John Dean on March 21; that I never offered clemency for the defendants; and that after March 21 my actions were directed towards finding the facts and seeing that justice was done, fairly and according to the law. The facts are there, the conversations are there, the record of actions is there.—Reuter.

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April 30

e last of the 93,000 Pakistani prisoners of war and civilians captured by India in 1971 during the war that led to the tion of Bangladesh, returned home unsung today. Relation had lasted seven ths.

At his own wish, the last man walk across the Indo-Pakistan border, at the dusty gah check post midway between Amritsar and Lahore, Lieutenant General A. A. Niazi, who signed the document surrender in Dacca in December, 1971.

General Niazi, who looked ed and had lost weight, was nong the final batch of 734 isoners, who included three ajor-generals, eight brigadiers nd 12 civilians.

Their diplomatically "low-ey" reception was evidently deliberate. Among the groups prisoners repatriated over e past fortnight were the 195 akistani officers and men harged by Bangladesh with committing war crimes in 1971.

Never publicly identified, the accused were believed to include Lieutenant General Niazi and Major General Rao Farman Ali, former military adviser to the old East Pakistan Government. Others accused included 20 generals, more than 30 brigadiers, a rear admiral and an air commodore.

When the reconciliatory agreement was signed in Delhi earlier this month, Bangladesh decided [illegible] proceed with trials [illegible] act of clemency. In these [illegible] would have be[illegible] to have given those r[illegible] a hero's welcome.

The re[illegible] of the last of the prisoners [illegible] completes one part of [illegible] repatriation [illegible] prisoners, and marooned [illegible] populations begun [illegible] September. The transfer [illegible] than 120,000 Bengalis [illegible] Pakistan to Bangladesh [illegible] almost over.

This leaves [illegible] the intractable non-[illegible] problem in Bangladesh [illegible] 60,000 non-Bengalis [illegible] flown to Pakistan, w[illegible] committed to accept abou[illegible] including about 27,000 [illegible] fled to Nepal after the 19[illegible] But as last 300,000 non[illegible] are likely to be left be[illegible]

Our Rawalpindi Correspondent writes: The Pakistan Government has [illegible] week of celebrations [illegible] a public holiday on Friday to mark the return of the last prisoners. The returning prisoners have been invited to write stories about their experiences for presentation on television and radio. Prizes will be given for the best stories.

The War Commission is expected to take statements from General Niazi and other senior officers to clarify events and the circumstances of the Pakistan Army's surrender in East Pakistan.

Press coverage of the arrival of the prisoners was par- [illegible] boycotted by reporters who were refused permission to interview some of the senior returning officers.

With the completion of repatriation, relations between Pakistan and India have returned almost to normal. India had already vacated the territory occupied in West Pakistan. Although the war positions in the disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir have been frozen, leaving India with a slight advantage.

The Government has ordered the prosecution of two former governors of Baluchistan, Mr Chakar Bizenjo and Mr Akbar Bugti, on charges of failing to declare surplus agricultural farmland under the land reforms introduced about two years ago.

Mr Bizenjo, leader of the National Awami Party, and Mr Bugti, opposed to Mr Bhutto's Government. Conviction could lead to imprisonment for up to [illegible] years.

Mr Khairbux Marri, a National Awami Party member of Parliament from Baluchistan, is also being prosecuted on the same charge. Mr Bizenjo and Mr Marri have been detained for many months.

Mr [illegible] seems to have lost another supporter in the Punjab. He is Mr Abdul Hafez Kardar, who resigned from the provincial government which was reconstructed about two months after the removal of Mr Ghulam Mustafa Khar as Chief Minister.

Insurgents looting Cambodian town

Phnom Penh, April 30.—Insurgent troops have captured the town of Sala Lek Pram, and are burning houses and looting, the Cambodian High Command reported today.

The command spokesman said that 2,000 Cambodian troops and civilians had fled the town. The soldiers had regrouped in a training camp in the former royal palace of Lngvek after their withdrawal yesterday.

Sala Lek Pram, the capital of the Kompong Tralach province, lies 30 miles north-west of Phnom Penh on Highway 5 linking it with the main rice growing province of Battambang.

The situation was said to have improved today as Government forces recaptured Wat Kruos on Highway 5.

Insurgent gunners were today continuing their artillery barrage against Takhmau, only seven miles from the centre of Phnom Penh.

Some 2,000 Khmer Rouge troops were reported to have been sent to the Dos Kanchor sector, south-west of Phnom Penh, where heavy fighting was under way on a stretch of Highway 4 leading to Kompong Som, Cambodia's only deep sea port.

As most roads to Phnom Penh were cut off by the insurgents, Government troops killed 37 Khmer Rouge in an operation designed to clear a stretch of Highway 1 leading to Neak Luong. Government troops lost three dead.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

S Vietnam admits cutting PRG phone

From Victoria Brittain
Saigon, April 30

The South Vietnamese Government today admitted that it had cut the telephone lines to the communist Provisional Revolutionary Government delegation at Tan Son Nhut airport, the official Vietnam Press Agency said.

The telephones have not been working since the Government suspended the talks in Paris on April 16, but the military spokesman had maintained until today that they had not been cut, but were out of order and that the PRG refused to allow engineers into the compound to repair them.

General Phan Hoa Hiep, chief South Vietnamese military negotiator, was quoted today as saying that the Government could no longer provide telephones for the PRG to put out anti-government propaganda.

The provision of telephones for the PRG was arranged under the Paris agreement and the June communiqué which said that the delegation should have the immunities of a diplomatic mission, regular liaison flights to Loc Ninh, and a headquarters in central Saigon. The liaison flights were suspended at the same time as the Paris talks, and the other provisions have never been implemented.

Two hundred communist soldiers were reported killed in fighting in two provinces round the Parrot's Beak area on the Cambodian border, west of Saigon today and yesterday.

Fighting continued yesterday morning in Kien Tuong in the Mekong delta where communist tanks were reported in action on Sunday, the South Vietnamese command said that 75 communist soldiers had been killed. Government losses were given as seven killed and 13 wounded.

Further north government troops claimed 124 communist soldiers killed by Rangers in armoured troop carriers who were trying to relieve pressure on the isolated Ranger base of Duc Hue. The Government reported only 11 of their soldiers wounded in the action today and yesterday.

A veteran, aged 35, set fire to himself yesterday in the An Quang pagoda in Saigon, and died in hospital. He left letters saying that he had done it for peace.

Qantas may drop S African flights

Sydney, April 30.—The Australian Government is considering stopping flights to South Africa by Quantas. Mr Gough Whitlam, the Prime Minister said it would be "largely a commercial decision".

Three miners killed in Johannesburg

Johannesburg, April 30.—Three African miners died in an accident at the Western Areas goldmine here over the weekend, it was reported here today. A locomotive hauling a loaded wagon crashed on a mine railway.—Agence France-Presse.

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Rebels flee as Iraqi troops relieve besieged garrison

Turkish-Iraq border, April 30.—Government tanks today relieved a 1,000-man garrison besieged by Kurdish rebels in north-west Iraq.

As the tanks and armoured cars rolled into the garrison town of Zahko, eight miles from the border, the rebels called off their attack and took to the hills. The camp has been surrounded for seven weeks.

The town was still burning when the tanks arrived just after dawn, but the condition of the troops inside was not immediately known. There was no sign of Kurdish Pesh Merga resistance as the troops raised the Iraq flag.

After the Iraqi soldiers withdrew to the frontier on the river and burnt down deserted Kurdish villages.

An Iraqi official, Lieutenant Ahmer Zibari, [illegible] the bridge over the [illegible] to confer with Turkish officials [illegible] told journalists that [illegible] had met little resistance on the road from Mosul [illegible] claimed that the Baghdad [illegible] was now again in complete command of north-western [illegible]

Lieutenant Zibari [illegible] said he was a Kurd [illegible] described the Kurdish leader, Mullah Mustafa [illegible] as a man who had pushed his people into war to protect his own dictatorship.

He said the majority of the country's Kurds, [illegible] to number 1,500,000, [illegible] the Government's latest proposals for Kurdish autonomy in northern Iraq.—Reuter.

itish team aquers palese peak

tmandu, April 30.—Four h climbers have scaled the ously unconquered 22,900ft ung Himal peak in Nepal, oreign Ministry announced

ing Officer Philip Neame, 28, and Sapper Derek berlain, aged 22, reached ummit on Thursday. Mr d Isherwood, aged 30, an tural scientist, and Lieutenant John Scott, 25, reached the top on

four belonged to an expedition composed of civilians rvicemen based in Hong led by Captain Michael s, of Dublin.—AP.

Five held after thefts from uranium mine

From Our Correspondent
Calcutta, April 30

Five persons including a police constable have been arrested for alleged theft of uranium from Jadugoda mining complex near Jamshedpur in eastern Bihar.

A scientist employed at the Jadugoda mine project has been missing since last [illegible] and an attempt is being made to find any possible link between his disappearance and the reported theft.

The possibility that [illegible] from the mine is being smuggled to China and Pakistan has been mentioned in Parliament.

hitlam Government is tacked over inflation

Our Correspondent
ourne, April 30

Billy Snedden, leader of liberal-Country Party coali speaking in Sydney to said that to defeat infla Australia must defeat the am Labour Government. nedden was delivering his speech for the national on on May 18.

promised retention of the tary health scheme, resist to the 35-hour week, cuts axation amounting to m (about £400m) and in d social, welfare and edu facilities. He said that a l-Country Party Govern would introduce a new federalism based on co cooperation with the It would encourage an sing American presence e Pacific and the Indian

Snedden described infla as the paramount issue of election. The Labour Govent believed Australia learn to live with infla A Liberal-Country Party rnment would be strongly sed to such an attitude.

added: "The Labour riment has been tried and failed. Because of their mpetence, dishonesty and re to carry out their prom they have forfeited all right to govern. We will allow their inflationary [illegible] to set out the [illegible] Australia.

"We have the support of four non-Labour state premiers in planning to reduce infla[illegible] and all ministers in my Government will be asked to examine their departmental estimates to see where savings can be made.

"Inflation has been Labour's greatest failure and we are determined to stop any further deterioration in our economic condition. We will clean up the mess Labour has left and we will do it promptly."

Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister, at a press conference here today criticized Australian banks for spreading rumours of a money squeeze in an effort to defeat the Labour Government. He added that if the people of Australia had to judge between such banks and the nation's Government he knew the people would decide in favour of their Government.

The capacity of the Australian banks had in no way been impaired. There was no money squeeze. What really had happened was that some of the banks had been "caught with their pants down", the Prime Minister said.

igerian £31m rought loss

agos, April 30.—Some $75m (about £31m) worth of cattle, s, sheep and camels have erished in Nigeria's North-estern state as a result of ought, the *New Nigerian* reported.

The newspaper quoted the overnor, Brigadier Musa sman, as saying that Lake Chad, which borders the state, as receded 20 miles in some reas rendering hundreds of shermen jobless. The lake is a ain source of fish

Karate blow on football star

Sydney, April 30.—The centre forward of the Australian football team, Ray Baartz, partially paralysed after a friendly match with Uruguay at the weekend, may have been struck with a karate blow sometimes used to kill, the team doctor said Australia won the game, 2—0.

Dr Brian Corrigan said the injury had paralysed Baartz's left side and partly affected his vision. He also suffered some facial paralysis. These were injuries similar to fatal injuries inflicted by karate experts, he said.—Reuter.

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OVERSEAS

Tension rises as Israel fears heavy American pressure to gain concessions for Syria

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, April 30

Tension is rising in Jerusalem as Dr Kissinger's visit approaches with prophets of doom giving warnings that at last America is about to apply heavy pressure on Israel to force her to reverse her policy of "no retreat on the Golan" by agreeing to pull out of Kuneitra, the ruined capital of the Heights.

Reports forecast a severe strain on *Israel-United States* relations and some commentators fear that the United States *is moving in the same direction* as Britain in seeking closer friendship with the Arabs.

They base this on the vote censuring Israel in the United Nations Security Council, in which America's acquiescence came as a nasty shock to Israelis. There is genuine concern over the prospect of United States pressure for concessions to Syria and the implications of a shift of American Middle East policy.

Several ministers are on record as opposing any withdrawal beyond the former border of the Golan, which rules out the surrender of Kuneitra. Assurances given by Mrs Meir to the Golan settlers on their future have also to be taken into account. Some at least of the settlements would be jeopardized by a redrawing of the boundary.

Mr Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, was visited today by Mr Kenneth Keating, the American Ambassador, at Mr Keating's request. They discussed the disengagement talks *and, it is believed, the Security* Council vote and Mr Eban's rebuke for United States support of it.

Wide publicity has been given to reports that Dr Kissinger is angered by Mr Eban's criticism, which he is said to find singularly ill-timed on the eve of these latest talks. But there may be more of Machiavelli than of Metternich in this preliminary huffing and puffing.

Dr Kissinger needs concessions from Syria—willingness to accept a buffer zone and a United Nations police force—as well as from Israel, and it will do his image no harm in Damascus to have Mr Eban making fretful noises.

He is to arrive on Thursday and will go straight to a meeting with Mrs Meir in Jerusalem. Later he will meet her again with Mr Eban

Security is expected to be tighter than on previous visits, because of the danger of demonstrations from groups protesting against an "American sellout". Rabbi Meir Kahane, who runs a Jewish Identity Centre here, has been conducting a personal campaign against Dr Kissinger's marriage to a non-Jew.

An odd footnote to the Kuneitra dispute is provided by a report today that Jewish settlers at *Dahab, halfway down* the Sinai coast between Eilat and Sharm el Sheikh, have *rejected an appeal from the* Government to disband the settlement and move elsewhere.

They said they had invested a lot of money and were tied to Dahab "with bonds of love". *Whether the Government* decided that it was to be given back or not they were determined *to stay. The alternative* they were offered was a new settlement—on the Golan Heights.

Khan el Anabeh, Israeli-occupied Syria, April 30.—Fighting *flared today between Israel and* Syria on the Golan Heights. From here, Israeli jets could be *seen swooping down for more* than an hour to rocket and bomb Syrian military targets on the slopes of Mount Hermon.

Dr Kurt Waldheim, United Nations Secretary General, is to visit Israel in the first week of June, it was announced by the *Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem*.—Reuter.

Algeria falls in with Kissinger plan

Algiers, April 30.—Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, expressed optimism when he left for Cairo on the second leg of his fifth Middle East peace mission today.

After five hours of talks with President Houari Boumedienne he said the Algerian leader "showed understanding and support" for the United States effort to bring peace to the Middle East.

This support appeared to mark a change in the Algerian position for President Boumedienne until recently had been critical of the military disengagement on the Suez Canal front, calling it an illusion of peace.

"We talked in great detail, with concern, and with the intention of making a positive contribution about peace in the Middle East, especially about the most immediate problem which is to bring about a separation of forces between Syria and Israel", he said.

Dr Kissinger said relations between the United States and Algeria had been extensively reviewed. "Those relations are improving constantly and will continue to improve in the future", he said.

The Secretary of State was understood to have briefed the Algerian leader on his recent conferences with Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister. It is understood he won a tacit agreement from Mr Gromyko that the Kremlin would not stand in the way of American peace initiatives to bring about a separation of forces on the Golan Heights.—Reuter.

Beirut, April 30.—Dr Kissinger arrived in Alexandria for talks with President Sadat of Egypt on the disengagement agreement, Middle East News Agency reported.—AP.

Yangtse hero goes to Peking as ambassador

Mr Edward Youde, a diplomat *who won fame* and an MBE in the Yangtse incident 25 years ago, is going back to China as Britain's Ambassador. He takes up his appointment in August, replacing Sir John Addis, who is retiring.

In 1949, Mr Youde went on a one-man mission through communist lines in an attempt to save the trapped sloop Amethyst.

He walked for four days along the Yangtse river to appeal to the communist Chinese to allow the vessel safe passage. His plea was rejected but his mission was later said to have helped to ease the situation.

At the time Mr Youde was a *Third Secretary at the British* Embassy in Nanking. He has been back to China twice since, *and was the embassy's First Secretary* from 1960 until 1962.

David Bonavia writes from Peking: The present political campaign in China was an internal affair and would not affect trade, a visiting British delegation was told here by Mr Li Hsien-nien, a Deputy Prime Minister.

Lord Nelson of Stafford, president of the Sino-British Trade Council, said afterwards that the mission had received only friendly treatment in Canton, Shanghai, Soochow and Peking. The group leaves for home tomorrow.

However Mr Li made the point that there was a marked imbalance in Sino-British trade in favour of Britain, and China would like to find ways of *remedying this*.

The British commented that China could sell more of its *products in Britain—particu*larly foodstuffs and vegetable oils—if supplies had not been reduced *recently*. *Another* reason for the imbalance was the heavy Chinese buying of *copper on the London market*, as well as the sale of Trident aircraft to China.

One of the landslips which buried two towns and several villages high in the Peruvian Andes.

Landslip toll may be 1,000

Hauncayo, Peru, April 30.—Peasants evacuated from the Andean landslip disaster said today they believed more than 1,000 people were dead or missing in two buried towns and surrounding villages.

The towns of Huacoto and Mayunmarca were obliterated when parts of three mountains *collapsed last Thursday following* earth tremors and heavy rains.

The refugees estimated that 150 people had been buried in Huacoto, 100 each in Perseverancia and Ropas, and 200 in Mayocmarca, and believed that another 500 had died in smaller villages. The official roll is still 250 dead and 500 missing.

Officials have declared the *area, 240 miles southeast of* Lima, a disaster zone and evacuated 10,000 people.—Reuter.

PORTUGAL

Assembly suspended in Mozambique

From Michael Knipe
Lourenço Marques, April 30

A *new session* of the Mozambique Legislative Assembly was dramatically postponed here today by the Lisbon junta's representative just as it was about to begin.

The public gallery, packed with young people, most of them white, erupted into cheering as Colonel David Ferreira, the Acting Governor made the announcement. Moments later a crowd of demonstrators roared "fascista, fascista" as the assemblymen and Government officials left the building.

Public opposition to the black-dominated but virtually powerless assembly centred on the fact that it was constituted by the Caetano regime.

Later during the evening rush hour several *demonstrators* marched through the streets, stopping at buildings and banks which they identified with the overthrown Government and took up their cry of "fascista". *Most people*, however, carried on as normal.

A series of reforms were formally made known to the public here today. A communiqué from Colonel Ferreira published in *the newspapers* announced that the only political party allowed by the former regime, Popular National Action, was to be dismantled. It said that the Directorate General of Security—the *dreaded DGS security police*—were being stripped of their political powers and reduced to a military intelligence role. Censorship had been abolished, except over military matters.

A cavalry officer, Colonel Antonio Maria Robelo, has taken over command of the DGS. There are rumours that Senhor Periera de Castro, the former DGS chief, had fled with his top aides to Spain.

There has been no move yet to release the political prisoners, believed to number about 1,000, in the Machava prison 10 miles from Lourenço Marques.

With the political situation still extremely fluid, two political groups are attempting to take the initiative. The Grupo Unido de Mozambique (GUMO) held a press conference today at which it emphasized its multi-racial approach and announced a pro-Mozambique rather than pro-Portuguese programme of action.

Senhor Jorges Abreu, a white businessman *on the Gumo com*mittee, said Mozambique needed its own bank because Portuguese banks were ignorant of Mozambique's problems. Development plans for Mozambique were insufficient, he said, and while great strides were being made in education nothing was being done to create jobs for Africans

Dona Joanna Simiao, an extremely chic and shrewd African mother of three children, said Gumo had already contacted the junta regarding the political prisoners still in detention. "We cannot live in freedom knowing that we have political brothers in Machava jail", she said.

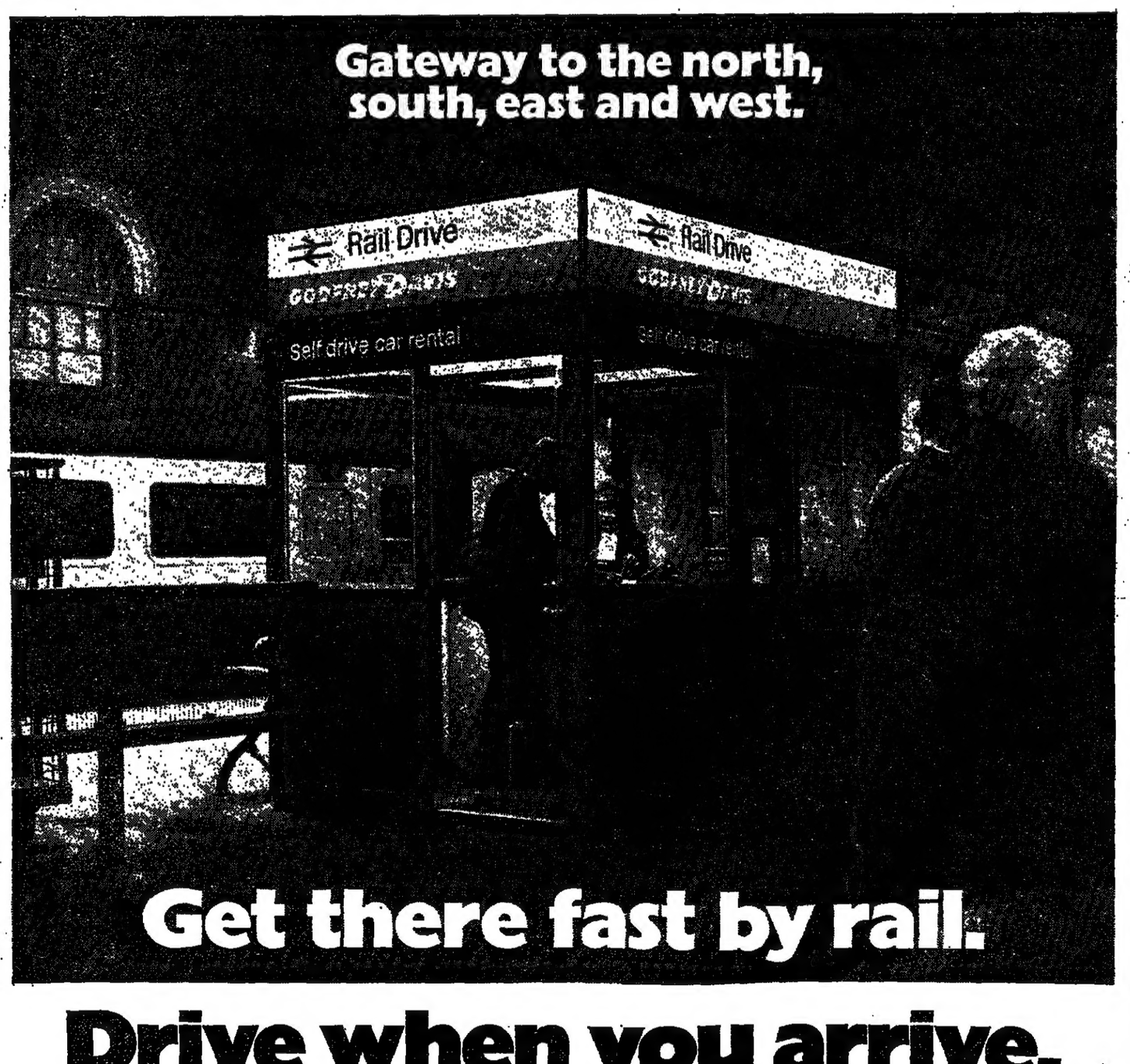
The other embryo political group, Democrats for Mozambique, is led by four social democrat lawyers and heads the protests today at the opening of the Legislative Assembly.

The assembly has 26 black and 24 white members and constitutional reforms introduced by the Caetano government a year ago. Most of the whites were missing this afternoon, but the Assembly usually ignored by both the public and the government, was packed with youthful demonstrators when the members arrived.

Military police blocked motor traffic but otherwise did not interfere. Inside the assembly the atmosphere was tense as a perspiring Colonel Ferreira made his statement.

After reading the telegram from the junta giving him authority he said: "the work of this Assembly will now be dependent on further instructions from the military junta in Portugal".

Outside the crowds chanted away a 73-year-old schoolteacher once jailed under the old regime and took up the cry of "facista". But an older Portuguese commented: "they are stupid. After 48 years we are all fascists. Even the Army is fascist."



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Mr Vorster makes changes in Cabinet

From Our Correspondent
Cape Town, April 30

Cabinet changes after the South African election announced yesterday by Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, leave the important portfolios of Finance and Bantu Administration untouched and provide no guide to his political intentions.

Mr Owen Horwood, an *English-speaking Senator*, becomes Minister of Economic Affairs, a post in which Mr *Lourens Muller, now given the* Transport portfolio, was not a conspicuous success. Senator *Horwood is favoured to succeed* Dr N. Diederichs, the Minister of Finance, who is expected to retire next year.

At a victory congress of his Nationalist party in Pretoria last night, Mr Vorster urged South Africans not to draw hasty conclusions over events in Portugal. They should calmly await developments and trust that the Lisbon Government would not eventually fall into "wrong hands".

Illness forces Petrosian to withdraw

Moscow, April 30.—Viktor Korchnoi reached the final of the challengers tournament for the world chess championship today. Tigran Petrosian withdrew because of illness when trailing 1—3.

Tass reported from Odessa that Petrosian had gone to hospital. A former world champion and noted defensive player, he had been ill before the match started and had twice postponed games.

Korchnoi won the first two games, Petrosian the third and Korchnoi the fourth. In the final next autumn Korchnoi will meet the winner of the Boris Spassky-Anatoly Karpov semi-final now being played in Leningrad. Karpov is ahead 2—1 after four draws.—AP.

Kidnapped oil executive home

Miami, April 30.—Mr Victor Samuelson, the American oil executive arrived home today after being held for 144 days by *Marxist guerrillas* who kidnapped him in Argentina.

His release came nearly *seven weeks after the* company's Argentine subsidiary paid $14.2m (£6m) to his kidnappers.—Reuter.

General Giap believed ill

Hanoi, April 30.—Rumours that General Vo Nguyen Giap, the North Vietnamese Defence Minister and victor at Dien Bien Phu is ill seem to be confirmed.

General Giap has not been seen in public for about six months, and did not attend a conference of military leaders held recently.—Agence France-Presse.

Bikini wearer fined

Nairobi, April 30.—A Canadian woman tourist has been fined £12.50 at Lamu, for going into a bank wearing a bikini, the *East African Standard* reported.

Lisbon crowd welcomes communist leader

From Harry Debelius
Lisbon, April 30

A cheerful crowd of about 3,000 gave a hero's welcome in Lisbon today to Senhor Alvaro Cunhal, the leader of the Portuguese Communist Party, as he returned after 14 years of exile.

Soldiers wearing red carnations—the symbol of the new Portugal—helped him to climb up on an armoured troop carrier from which he addressed the crowd.

Paper streamers unfurled over the heads of the spectators, some of whom clambered up on the tanks which were parked outside the international arrivals door at Lisbon airport. He told his supporters that he was grateful that they had been able to wait to see the end of the Salazar-Caetano regime in Portugal.

Before his arrival, there were several emotional scenes when *people suddenly recognized old* friends who had been lost in the cells of Portuguese prisons until *the successful coup by the Armed* Forces Movement. Youths handed out small slips of paper *with the words of the "Inter*nationale" on them, so that spectators—their song forgotten *in long years of clandestinity*—could sing a proper welcome for their leader.

The crowd was orderly. At one point a man fainted, and fellow citizens immediately locked arms to form a ring around him and push the crowd back so that he could get some air.

Chants of "Cunhal in the Government" and "A united people can never be overcome" roared into the grey sky. Soldiers politely waved the crowd to the door at the arrivals exit. The scene was similar to that of the arrival on Sunday of the Socialist leader, Dr Mario Soare[s] *though there were fewer p*[eople]

Earlier in the day, a s[pokes]*man for the junta made i*[t] at a press conference th[at] junta wants the political p[arties] *in Portugal to be open to* [all] of all political and philoso[phical] orientations". The spok[esman] said *that General A*[ntonio] de Spinola met "element[s of] the Communist Party" [the] *day, and he did not cons*[ider it] unlikely that Senator [Soare] would call on the leader [of the] *junta*.

The new political clim[ate in] Portugal picked up speed *with the announcement* [that] leaders of eight different [parties] would present their vie[ws on] the national television [this eve]ning tonight.

With a provisional [gover]ment yet to be named, a [new] new regime only a few da[ys old] it is hard to say what th[e poten]tual tendency will be i[n a] newly democratic count[ry] there is no doubt even [at this] early stage that it will be [painted] with red.

The military spokesm[an said] that any groups who wi[shed to] do so may stage or take [part in] May Day demonstratio[ns] that, for the purposes of [order] the junta would annou[nce the] hours and the locations [of the] demonstrations.

Lisbon, April 30.—S[enhor] Radio Renascença, the [Roman] Catholic station, went o[ff air] tonight, claiming tha[t its] superiors had forbidden [it to] broadcast news of the [release] of Senhor Cunhal and Dr [Soares].

The Portuguese natio[n as a] whole" will decide the [future] of Portugal's African te[rritories,] a spokesman of the ju[nta said] today. But he did not [say that] the nation's will woul[d be ex]pressed.—Reuter.

Junta puts curb on mon leaving Portugal

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, April 30

The first economic move to be made by the Portuguese military *junta has* been to stop money leaving the country. An order issued today forbids anyone *taking more than 50,000* escudos (about £900) when travelling abroad.

Travellers' cheque books are being confiscated and no jewellery or other valuables may be taken out of the country.

Control at the open airports of Lisbon, Oporto and Faro is conducted now by the Air Force aided by the ordinary police force instead of by the political police.

Because of the expected end of the month rush on banks for the payment of wages—the only bank payments allowed under the junta—appeals are being broadcast urging the public to be patient.

Squatters from a shanty town in the suburbs of Lisbon say they have "liberated" a block of new luxury flats built in their area by moving in. The flats are the property of the local municipality which had promised them good cheap housing before the coup.

The Portuguese Socialist Party, in a manifesto to the nation, has demanded the end of the colonial wars and immediate opening of negotiations with the "state" of Guinea-Bissau and with the liberation movements of Angola and Mozambique about the rights of their *peoples to self-determination*.

Inspector Jose Sachetti, the second in command of Portugal's political police [is re]ported to have been ar[rested at] Valença do Minho [on the] northern frontier wi[th Spain] while attempting to l[eave the] country.

Meanwhile within t[he] *junta* General Fran[cisco da] Costa Gomes ha[s been] reappointed, by decr[ee to the] *old job of Chief of* [the Joint] Chiefs of Staff, a posit[ion] he lost last month.

Angolan leader in Lo[ndon] Agosthinho Neto, lead[er of the] Popular Movement [for the] Liberation of Angola, [arrived in] London after a spee[ch in] of Canada yesterday [where] *he expected some re*[sults from] General Spinola's regi[me. In] the meantime the gu[errilla war] *would continue*.

Dr Neto, who wa[s exiled] but escaped from P[ortugal in] 1962, said upon arri[val he] had no immediate p[lans to go] back to Lisbon.

"It is a question of [waiting to] see the new Governm[ent's atti]tude. It was, afte[r the] colonial war which pr[ecipitated the] present situation and [we] expect some consequ[ences from] the new regime. B[ut] Spinola, in what he [wrote in his] book, did not appear [hopef]ul", he stated.

The Angolan re[volutionary] leader is in Londo[n with] members of the Fre[edom com]*mittee*.

He said that durin[g his] day visit to Britain h[e was] *meeting Miss Joan L*[ee, Par]liamentary Under-Se[cretary of] State at the Foreign

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MP's radio interview sent to Committee of Privileges: Mr Ashton promises to give details

House of Commons

The SPEAKER (Mr Selwyn Lloyd) ruled that a complaint about radio comments by a Labour MP was suitable for consideration by the Committee of Privileges.

Ruling on the complaint made yesterday by Sir Harmar Nicholls (Peterborough, C), he said that when an MP made a complaint based on the contents of a newspaper he must hand in a complete copy of that newspaper. Therefore he was precluded from taking into account the extracts from *The Daily Telegraph* since only part of that newspaper was handed in.

The resolution of the House of October 30, 1947, made it clear that the Committee of Privileges might inquire into any matters they considered to be reasonably connected with each other and were not bound by the terms of a particular complaint. He had no doubt that when the matter went to the Committee of Privileges the matter Sir H. Nicholls raised in the second part of his statement would be considered by the committee.

He considered the matter of the complaint made by Sir H. Nicholls relating to the statement made by Mr. Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) in a broadcast interview was such that he should permit a motion relating to the matter to be given precedence over today's business.

MR ASHTON—I will appear before the committee to substantiate the allegations although I fear it might bring the House into greater disrepute than the article I wrote. Could I draw attention to the statement made by Sir H. Nicholls yesterday when he either misread or misquoted the transcript he had with regard to what I said on the *Jimmy Young Show*? This is a serious business.

He states the question was asked in the interview referring to charities "What amounts of money would be involved in this sort of operation?" and the reply was "It is difficult to say but I did hear of somebody getting 100 guineas".

That is not the case in the transcript. What procedure is there for putting the record right as to what was said?

The SPEAKER said he had ruled the matter should have precedence. He wanted to make it clear that he had not used the expression "I think there is a prima facie case" because that implied he was making some judgment on the case. He could make no judgment on the case. This was a matter which should be considered by the Committee of Privileges.

MR EDWARD SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab)—In view of your ruling, I beg to move that the matter of the complaint by Sir Harmar Nicholls about statements by Mr Ashton in a broadcast interview be referred to the Committee of Privileges. (Some Labour cries of "No".)

MR HEATH (Bexley, Sidcup, C)—I support the motion and perhaps the House will permit me to say a few words. I have considerable experience as a leader of the Opposition, Prime Minister and a backbencher and experience of the Privileges Committee and of debates in the House has had on proceedings in the Privileges Committee, that it has on the whole proved to be in the interest of the House that alleged matters should be referred to the committee and debated on the inadequate motion we have at this time.

MR [illegible] NELSON (Penistone, Lab) said that this was against the advice given by Mr Heath. A body of precedent had been built up in which the House had decided to debate a motion and not refer it automatically and immediately to the Committee of Privileges.

He did not want to see this tendency, developed over the last 10 years, for an automatic, on-the-pocket agreement to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

He also did not want to see a precedent like that, when they did not like a statement, that the Committee of Privileges procedure was considered the right one. That was not necessarily so.

In debates over the past 10 years, the number of references to the committee has been carefully narrowed. There were a number of memorable cases, on one occasion led by the Michael Foot, the case had been overturned, so it was not all moving in one direction.

The opinion of the majority when the recommendation was not accepted was largely guided by the view that what mattered was the opinion of the country, and the danger that the Committee of Privileges was being misunderstood. It was then held that the main purpose of privilege over the ages had always been to protect the MP in the exercise of his duty as a Member of the House of Commons.

The name of the committee was a misnomer and it would be better if they could find a way to change the name to make its purpose clearer to the public and the country.

By no stretch of the imagination were they considering a case now of MPs being threatened to prevent them exercising their proper function as MPs.

The view that there should be established in the near future a compulsory register of MPs interests was an important and legitimate subject for debate.

If, in advance of particular point of view, an important debate anybody's case not to the taste of many of them, and used words and phrases which they found unacceptable, it did not mean that it would be right nor that it would be in the public interest to establish a precedent which allowed MPs or members of the public against adducing examples.

There was a powerful case to be considered why the matter should not be referred to the Committee of Privileges, and that there should be free debate on suggestions made.

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—I could not recommend my colleagues to support this motion. It would be wrong to take one set of remarks by the MP and make a mountain out of a molehill. None of the members Mr Ashton was hitting at made any complaint or felt he had made an improper statement.

MR LEE (Birmingham, Handsworth, Lab)—I urge that the motion should be withdrawn. In the country there is the most profound disquiet about the standards of financial probity which prevail.

We are not yet down to Watergate level and we have not a President Nixon, thank God. But there have been some disturbing episodes.

It would be an unfortunate coincidence if this procedure should be adopted now because it would have the effect of putting this matter in abeyance for a considerable time.

A royal commission has extensive powers of subpoena as the Committee of Privileges has power to enforce attendance of witnesses. But at the end of the day the matter has to be decided in this House. In the light of disturbing events occuring in the last few years in this country it is desirable that this matter should be debated here as early as possible.

MR EDWARD TAYLOR (Glasgow, Cathcart, C)—I support the motion. We have had too much of general accusations going round in the last few weeks. It is dangerous for the House and easy to make general sweeping allegations about MPs. It is always nice to hear and it is easily reported.

It would be best for the Committee of Privileges to look into the whole matter. One of the most damaging aspects in recent weeks has been in magazines where we have had sweeping general allegations. It is high time the matter was properly [illegible].

MR ENGLISH (Nottingham, West, Lab) said there was a danger that they might allow emotion to become reason. If I were to be asked (he said) I would prefer it to be by name and with a specific allegation so I could stand up here and defend myself. I have the best of reasons to believe (he went on) that Mr Ashton can justify what he said. But it would be better to send it to a committee which sits with the Attorney General present as a court.

If the committee met and heard evidence in public as any court does, this would possibly overcome some of the objections.

The motion to commit the matter to the Committee of Privileges was carried by 283 votes to 94—Government majority, 189.

The SPEAKER, in a ruling on a complaint by MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab), on Monday arising from an article by Mr Tony Dawe in *The Sunday Times* on Sunday, said he could not find the complaint was of such a nature as to grant it precedence over today's business.

Adverse effects on unions cannot all be undone

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Employment what was the total cost of administering the Industrial Relations Act and how many people were currently employed in its operation.

MR BOOTH, Minister of State for Employment (Barrow in Furness, Lab)—Over the 12 month period up to April 1, 1974, the cost was approximately £2,071,000. At that date about 320 people were engaged in the operation of the Act.

MR SKINNER.—The Industrial Relations Act has been a remarkable piece of House of Commons history in as much as that it was introduced to settle disputes and probably lost or cost this country several hundred million pounds in disputes which arose from it.

Now, at the tether end, we are witnessing not merely some of the CBI being in favour of its removal but back bench Conservatives protesting about a pittance of £10m, at the same time as we see the Opposition Front Bench wanting to forget about it.

MR BOOTH—The results of the Act have been remarkable in the light of the high claims made when the Bill was introduced.

The figures in the original answer took no account of the extra costs attributable to disputes over the Act. No fewer than 840,000 workers have been involved in stoppages resulting from the operation of the Act while 1,600,000 workers took part in the TUC's day of protest against the legislation. The TGWU and AUEW have together already lost £191,000 in fines and other costs.

SIR PAUL BRYAN (Howden, C)—Has not the vast amount of the work been in connexion with tribunals administering cases of unjust dismissal—15,000 of them?

MR BOOTH—Much work has been done by the tribunals (Conservative cheers) and for that reason we have had this very much in mind in our repeal Bill. Therefore, we propose to re-enact the unfair dismissals provisions with improvements.

Apart from that, if the money spent on the Act since 1971 had been spent on improving our conciliation and arbitration facilities we would be in a better position now.

MR SPRIGGS (St Helens, Lab)—Will he see what reimbursement can be made to the trade union movement as a whole, particularly to the union to which I belong, the National Union of Railwaymen, who have had to fork out hundreds of thousands of pounds in legal costs because of the Act?

MR BOOTH—While I hope the minister has clearly demonstrated that he is not unsympathetic to any proposals for reimbursement so far as that is possible it is only fair to point out that we cannot reimburse the total adverse costs or undo all the adverse effects.

MR HAYHOE (Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth, C) asked whether it was intended to retain the Code of Practice associated with the Industrial Relations Act 1971.

MR BOOTH—No. The Bill which the Secretary of State is introducing today provides for the repeal of the provisions of the Industrial Relations Act relating to the code.

Code of practice

MR HAYHOE—This code has been widely welcomed and is seen as a useful and valuable contribution in the general area of industrial relations. It seems wrong to throw it away merely because it is linked with the Industrial Relations Act.

MR BOOTH—The 1971 Act and everything associated with it must go at the earliest opportunity. (Conservative protests.) We regard unfair dismissals as a valuable provision which we will seek to improve with the repealing Bill, but that is an exception to the general view we take on the 1971 Act.

The repeal Bill includes certain essential provisions about legal immunities for workers and unions, but our substantial proposals for legislation to replace the Act must await the proposed Employment Protection Bill. We will look at the code at that stage. What form it might take will need closer examination.

SIR PAUL BRYAN—The code is widely used. Are the Government going to stop it being used?

MR BOOTH—The code will have no statutory basis and no statutory connexion with legislation from the time of the repeal of the Act. We will be happy to examine the idea and concept of a code in connexion with a later piece of legislation for employment protection.

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and Malling, C), during later exchanges, asked: How does the Minister of State reconcile his support of the principle that picketing should be peaceful, in his statement of March 22, with the proposed granting of a right to pickets to obstruct motor vehicles?

MR BOOTH—If he will read the Bill which is published today he will find we are not making such a proposal in this particular Bill. Pickets are not given in this Bill immunity in contemplation of furtherance of trade disputes. This could only be used in a peaceful way. The question of the right to picket vehicles is something which is under careful consideration. I hope to see it introduced in a later employment protection measure.

MR WADDINGTON (Nelson and Colne, C)—Does he still agree with the absurd suggestion that a man should be required to stop and listen to arguments which he does not want to listen to? What philosophy inspired that extraordinary notion?

MR BOOTH—The basic right to seek to persuade somebody to desist from breaking or harming a dispute is one that could only be practised in modern times if it includes the right to communicate with the driver of a vehicle seeking to enter premises where a dispute is taking place.

MR TUGENDHAT (City of London and Westminster, South, C) asked what representations the Secretary of State for Employment had received from the TUC and affiliated organizations about the repeal of the Industrial Relations Act.

MR FOOT (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—They have made it clear to me they want it repealed as quickly as possible.

MR TUGENDHAT—Which proposals put by the TUC has he felt unable to accept?

MR FOOT—I am glad he shares the desire of so many that our Bill should be brought forward with the utmost speed. I have always insisted that the proper time to discuss the particular clauses in the Bill is when it is brought before the House. In that sense we will proceed according to normal practice.

MR ROSE (Manchester, Blackley, Lab)—There is concern in trade union circles about the actions of the National Industrial Relations Court thrashing in its death throes over the sequestration of union funds.

Would he undertake to put those adversely affected by the actions of that unacceptable court in the position they would have been had it never been brought into existence, and so take the heat out of a confrontation between the courts and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

MR FOOT—There are clauses in the Bill which deal with the transitional arrangements. They tackle some of the questions he raises.

Some of the questions we have not found possible to deal with by the way he suggests, but I assure him there is no subject to which I have given more attention—that the Act should go on poisoning our industrial relations even in its dying days. It is a matter of great concern and we are doing everything we can to see how we can overcome it.

Reverting

MR LANE (Cambridge, C)—His real contract ought to be with the British people as a whole. A large number of them will look critically at the Bill to see whether it is going to be one law for the trade unions and another for everyone else.

MR FOOT—They will find nothing of the sort. They will find we have repealed the 1971 Act, with some improvements in the situation, and we will not thereby be making a situation where there is no law governing the situation of trade unions.

We will be reverting in one sense to the excellent laws that prevailed for quite a long time, some of them introduced in 1875 and some of them in 1906. These are distant dates but at any rate they were better Bills than that in 1971. (Labour cheers.)

MR FOOT, amid Labour cheers, later formally moved the first reading of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill. The Bill repeals the Industrial Relations Act 1971 and makes provision with respect to the law relating to trade unions, employers' associations, workers and employers, including the law relating to unfair dismissal and with respect to the jurisdiction and procedure of industrial tribunals.

Labour has not put a spy into review staff

MR BRUCE-GARDYNE (South Angus, C) asked the Prime Minister to define the responsibilities of the Central Policy Review Staff on the one hand, and of the policy group under Dr Donoghue on the other. What was the annual aggregate cost to public funds of the latter body?

MR HAROLD WILSON (Huyton, Lab)—The tasks of the Central Policy Review Staff continue to be those set out in Command 4506, carrying out policy analysis for ministers collectively. The unit under Dr Donoghue, who has been appointed as a senior policy adviser at 10 Downing Street, advises me, concentrating in particular on shorter-term questions mainly of domestic policy. The total annual cost of the unit is some £50,000, excluding the cost of accommodation.

MR BRUCE-GARDYNE—Is it not becoming apparent that the political hatchet men have been recruited not as single spies, but in battalions? Would it not be more seemly that they should be paid by Transport House or, better still, by Labour Party union bosses, so there should be no doubtery about where their allegiance lies?

MR WILSON—The previous Government, in my view rightly, brought a lot of people into the Cabinet Office in No 10. Whether they were paid by Conservative Central Office or the taxpayer makes no difference. They had full facilities and consultation, and access to documents. We have followed the report of the Fulton Committee.

When he refers to single spies, we have not put a single spy into the CPRS, as was done by the appointment of the Tory Central Office man into the CPRS. (Some cries of "Who?")

MR HORAM (Gateshead, West, Lab)—Is not the policy group much better than excessive reliance on the head of the Civil Service? Is it not strange criticism from Mr Bruce-Gardyne against this arrangement, which could lead to a more consistent political approach?

MR WILSON—The head of the Civil Service has carried the confidence of successive Governments, and I resent some of the ill-informed, ignorant and illiterate criticisms of his recent appointment.

MR PEYTON (Yeovil, C)—This question raises the point of those to whom access to confidential Government information is given. This point is particularly important at the present time in view of allegations—I know not how well founded—that red boxes under Mr Wilson's previous administration received a somewhat odd circulation.

MR WILSON—He is getting hard up for information if he relies on *Private Eye*. The story is entirely untrue. No red boxes, blue boxes, black boxes or green boxes moved as he seems to think. Perhaps he would check his facts and get in touch with me instead of lowering what was once a moderately distinguished ministerial career, by allegations of that kind.

During later questions to the Prime Minister,

MR ST JOHN-STEVAS (Chelmsford, C) asked: Is not one of the achievements of the Prime Minister by filling Whitehall with supporters of the Labour Party who are paid from public funds, to obliterate the constitutional distinction between what is Government policy and what is a matter of party politics?

Would he explain to the House what part the Cabinet Office played in the issue of the statement by the Leader of the House (Mr Edward Short) this morning? (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON—Mr St John-Stevas is a great student of our constitution and speaks with great authority, not least about the last Government because he spent a considerable time there.

I am sorry that he should want to take up, because it is not characteristic, the statement made by the Leader of the House issued yesterday.

This was a statement made on the responsibility of the Leader of the House with my full approval and did not involve the work of the Civil Service or anyone referred to by Mr St John-Stevas. It would be in accordance with the custom of this House if Opposition MPs accepted what was said and not hold the Leader of the House accountable for anything they do not agree with.

High powered group of advisers to give independent view on tunnel

MR MULLEY, Minister for Transport (Sheffield, Park, Lab), moving the second reading of the Channel Tunnel Bill, said it was identical to that before the last Parliament and it was somewhat unusual that today the Government should be asking for a second reading to a Bill against which they had voted when in Opposition. The Labour Party had never been opposed to the principle of the tunnel but had been unhappy about certain elements in the scheme as it developed under the last Government.

The Secretary of State intended to appoint a small high-powered group of independent advisers not previously associated with the project who would be asked to consider the adequacy of the financial and economic assessments of the projects in certain specific aspects of the scheme as it developed under the last Government.

The Government would make sure that their views on the results of the economic and financial assessment would be available before Parliament was asked if the scheme should go beyond phase two.

They would not have the information on which the House could take a decision until the early months, at the earliest, of next year. There was no change envisaged as a result of the arrangements on the timetable set out in agreement with the French Government by the last administration.

Other major points to be re-examined were the balance between road and rail and in particular two elements: what could be done to increase through-rail traffic and would the growth of road ferry traffic be as great as indicated in the earlier forecasts made before the recent fuel crisis?

He was in touch with the Chairman of the British Rail Board on the prospects for rail traffic and also looked forward to discussing these matters with the French minister concerned.

There was also need to consider the impact the tunnel could have, especially after the high-speed train came into service, on the traffic they needed to provide at London airports. All this could be done during phase two without adding to the eventual cost of work if it was decided to complete the project in phase three.

If they were to keep the option open to complete the project, they needed to ratify the treaty by the end of 1974 and have available all the powers needed before they could enter the agreement for the main work, phase three, due in mid-1975.

The Bill provided the necessary finance. If they were unable to ratify the treaty signed on November last by January 1 next the project was automatically treated as being abandoned. That was why the passing of the Bill was essential as part of the process of keeping open the option to proceed while further studies continued.

It would be necessary for British Rail to continue urgently with the planning of the rail link to London on which it had initiated detailed consultations three months ago and for which it would seek the necessary powers in a private Bill.

The new link was an essential element in the project. To carry only tunnel road traffic would not be acceptable. No final decision on the route to be included in the railway Bill had yet been taken. The Government would wish to see some changes in the project, including possible measures to increase through rail traffic.

There were two gaps in the Bill as it stood. The Government proposed to put an obligation on the Secretary of State to consider with the British Rail Board and the National Freight Corporation how best full advantage could be taken of the opportunities of the tunnel to divert traffic from road to rail.

Provision for regular reports to Parliament during the crucial construction of the project would also be made.

The House was not being asked to decide whether the tunnel should be built. Only after the re-assessment had been completed would that question arise. The Government hoped that the revised traffic forecasts would be available around the end of the year and the complete re-assessment of the project in the early months of 1975.

There would be an opportunity for the House to debate and vote on the project at that stage before any commitment was undertaken to carry on forward into phase three and the main construction work.

Kent's roads

MRS MARGARET THATCHER (Barnet, Finchley, C) said that in considering the alternatives to the tunnel account should be taken of the fact that Kent already had problems with its present volume of traffic and heavy freight. One of its urgent needs already was for the requisite roads to be constructed. It would need a good deal of expenditure, whatever view was taken about the tunnel.

She was as happy to support the Bill in Opposition as she was in Government.

MR HUCKFIELD (Nuneaton, Lab) said he still remained sceptical about the whole project.

Should they continue with a tunnel that could become a monumental fire hazard? Somebody had called it a 32 mile coffin. The escalation in cost could make Concorde look small.

MR ALAN CLARK (Plymouth, Sutton, C), in a maiden speech, said defence should be the first consideration the House applied to any project before it. Here, there was a fundamental breach threatened to one of the country's primary natural attributes. The country had always been protected from invasion by the English Channel and it was untrue that technological advance had altered the basic principles which governed defence strategy.

MR RONALD ATKINS (Preston, North, Lab) said that the tunnel could do more for European trade with Britain than the Common Market.

MR COSTAIN (Folkestone and Hythe, C) said the bottleneck was not the ships but the roads of Dover and Folkestone which could not be expected to continue to take loads for which they were not designed.

MR STEPHEN ROSS (Isle of Wight, L) said he could only express surprise that the minister had decided to proceed on exactly the same lines as his predecessor.

The Liberals would oppose second reading in the hope that their demand for a public inquiry would be met.

SIR JOHN RODGERS (Sevenoaks, C) said he was not opposed to the principle of the Channel Tunnel but did not like the plan as it affected Cheriton with the express rail route.

The tunnel plan was also out of date now because there had been big developments in Kent, including those dealing with housing, which were not on the map sent to his constituents to study. Most important, the document which British Rail had put out did not deal with the effect which the high speed rail link would have on the lives and property of those living anywhere near the rail junction.

MR TOMNEY (Hammersmith, North, Lab) said a terminus could not be contemplated at White City. It was not possible when they considered the density of population or the road configuration. Together with the flight path to London Airport running overhead it would be another environmental disease.

MR MOORE (Croydon, Central, C) said if the tunnel from London ended in Central Croydon, 140 houses would definitely have to be destroyed and the cost would be at least £18m. If the tunnel was extended another 5.2 kilometres, the cost would be £20m at most. The expenditure was justified in view of the social problems of destroying the homes.

MR PETER REES (Dover and Deal, C) said he hoped there would be advantages international and national and even for Kent itself from this project. He was concerned that the immediate disadvantages would be felt by his constituents and hoped the minister would show himself sensitive to their needs.

MR THORNE (Preston, South, Lab) said the £800m should be allocated to housing, education, social services and other things which people considered had priority over the tunnel.

MR PATRICK MAYHEW (Royal Tunbridge Wells, C) said that if the tunnel was built and if the high-speed rail link was considered necessary, justice would demand that full disclosure was made by British Rail of the factors they had taken into account. That was far from the case at the moment.

MR MOATE (Faversham, C) said that he voted against second reading previously. He was attracted to the idea of a rail-only tunnel and would vote for it if a select committee was promised to examine the cost and also if there was public participation in an inquiry. In the absence of that assurance he would vote against the Bill.

MR BERRY (Enfield, Southgate, C) said the Opposition would do all they could to ensure the quick passage of the Bill.

No change

MR CARMICHAEL, Under Secretary for the Environment (Glasgow, Kelvingrove, Lab), said it was intended to make regulations about provision of insulation for properties affected by noise from railway construction and operation within the tunnel terminal. Other provisions would apply to the rail link.

There had been no change in the estimate of the real cost of the tunnel in real terms. That remained at £468m at 1973 prices. But it would be reviewed during the reassessment of the project. On the White Paper estimates, the outturn cost was still estimated at £846m. But if inflation and interest rates continued at recent high levels over the next six years the outturn cost in depreciated pounds would be around £1,000m even if the real cost did not change.

The Bill was read a second time by 287 votes to 63—Government majority, 224.

Regulations make Speaker uneasy

The SPEAKER ruled on complaints that regulations prevented MPs who were barristers from appearing before Family Practitioner Committees, and about the availability of statutory instruments.

He said that Mr Graham Page (Crosby, C) had yesterday made a point about the availability from the Vote Office of statutory instruments laid before the House. The matter was one for the Government, who some 20 years ago undertook to see that copies of instruments subject to negative resolution should normally be available in the Vote Office when the instruments were laid.

Mr Arthur Lewis (Newham, North-West, Lab) and Mr English (Nottingham, West, Lab) had asked him to consider whether there was an element of contempt of the House in the making of regulations which prevented MPs who were barristers from appearing before Family Practitioner Committees on behalf of their constituents. Mr English had used the word "verging on contempt".

Parliamentary privilege was intended to cover proceedings in Parliament. He did not think there was authority for supposing that the protection given by privileged proceedings in Parliament could be extended to that sort of activity.

The decision whether or not to exclude MPs who were barristers, paid or unpaid, from representing their constituents before such committees was one for the House. He could not rule that the points raised by those MPs justified him in giving the matter precedence.

Mr. Tuck (Watford, Lab), who originally raised the subject, had asked for the Speaker's help.

I must say (continued the Speaker) that I have considerable sympathy for his complaint. (Cheers.) There is no procedural action I can take in the matter. It must be for Mr Tuck to take such steps as are open to him to seek annulment of these regulations.

I must not comment on the merit of these regulations nor have I heard the case for the regulations deployed, but I confess to a degree of unease about the whole matter. I hope it may be considered by those with the power to act.

MR SHORT, Lord President of the Council (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab), said the Secretary of State was considering this and would make a statement to the House tomorrow.

MR TUCK said he had tabled a prayer to annul the order. He hoped his beloved Government would give him the chance to have the debate.

The SPEAKER—No doubt that expression of affection will be noted. (Laughter.)

16 allowed to stay

MR REDMOND (Bolton, West, C) asked the Home Secretary how many amnesties had been granted since his statement on April 11, 1974 to illegal immigrants.

MR ALEXANDER LYON, Minister of State, said in a written reply: Sixteen illegal entrants have been given indefinite leave to remain in accordance with the decision which Mr Jenkins announced on April 11.

VAT change not first move to tax all food

MR JOEL BA[illegible] Chief Secretary to the [illegible] (Heywood and Royton, [illegible]) moving that the Value Added Tax (General) (No 1) Order [illegible]974 be approved, said it im[illegible] the changes announced [illegible] Chancellor's Budget applied a standard rate of VAT fr[illegible] 1 to soft drinks, confe[illegible] and other non-essential [illegible] which used to be charged [illegible]chase tax, and also to ro[illegible] and light oils which bore [illegible] rate of hydrocarbon oil du[illegible]

It could not re[illegible] be argued that sweets an[illegible] no matter how enjoya[illegible] if a trifle fattening, were [illegible] for a healthy diet.

Some commentators [illegible] to interpret the [illegible]lor's decision to propose [illegible]troduce taxation on [illegible] foods as the first move [illegible] all foods. (Conservative [illegible]) Any such interpretation [illegible] ill-informed and irrespo[illegible]

The Government had [illegible] declared their total com[illegible] the principle of not [illegible] essentials of life, inclu[illegible] which entered into the [illegible] of the ordinary family [illegible]tained an important e[illegible] their policy of ensuri[illegible] Justice in the area of taxa[illegible]

In his Budget state[illegible] Chancellor explained th[illegible]lieved there was a good [illegible] increasing the taxation [illegible] fuel. Those who obj[illegible] paying tax on tax overlo[illegible] fact that the Chancellor [illegible] decide what contribution [illegible] tax resources to seek [illegible] particular commodity. If [illegible] been unable to get th[illegible] amount from VAT he wo[illegible] had to increase the reven[illegible] The chief advantage of ele[illegible] apply VAT was that [illegible] burden would fall on onl[illegible] business users.

We may (he said) h[illegible] Opposition claiming to [illegible] motorist's friend. Under a [illegible]rative Government the [illegible] motorist not only had di[illegible] finding a house but diffic[illegible] finding a garage for his ca[illegible] Government will help the m[illegible] and his family by creati[illegible] economic and social clim[illegible] enjoy a better standard of [illegible] (Conservative laughter.) W[illegible] more, they will at the sam[illegible] enjoy many miles of happy [illegible]ing.

The effect on the cost of [illegible] index was 0.3 per cent for [illegible] and 0.3 per cent for petrol.

MR HIGGINS (Worthing[illegible]) said that the measure w[illegible] mistake. The amounts inv[illegible] were very large. The revenue involved was £75m, which was substantially more than many of the massive tax increases imposed by previous Labour Governments and which were subject to a full four days' debate in the House, then a Finance Bill, with committee, report stage and third reading.

It was a bizarre argument to say that millionaires' caviare ought not to be taxed but crisps or orange squash which were a heavy burden for families with low incomes should be taxed. That brought out the essential absurdity about the way Labour went about making a distinction between what was essential and what was not essential.

MR TUCK (Watford, Lab) said that for a gallon of petrol costing 50p, the petrol cost 27½p and the duty 22½p and the VAT was being imposed on the total. This was highway robbery. (Conservative cheers.)

MR PATTIE (Chertsey and Walton, C) producing an orange in the House, said that if a housewife bought 2 oranges and squeezed them to get her orange juice she would not have to pay VAT. But the juice which had come from these 2 oranges did attract VAT when it was canned.

This must be (he said) one of the more absurd proposals in modern years.

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L) said that in rural areas the private car and its use was an essential option getting to work and was not subject to any form of tax remission. The Government should consider some kind of grant for travelling to work in such areas now that the cost of petrol was so high.

MR MILLS (West Devon, C) said the order would affect rural life far more than towns and cities.

MR MACFARLANE (Sutton and Cheam, C) said the Government should have talks with the national representatives of trade and industry. It was impossible to apply VAT at 10 per cent on items costing below 10p and sold by the smaller retailer. If an extra 1p was levied on items below 5p this represented VAT at between 20, 30 and 40 per cent.

MR FIDLER (Bury and Radcliffe, C) said the order was a typical example of inequality because it sought to collect tax not from the whole community but from a small section who had the added burden of bringing up growing children.

Pension fu[illegible] statemen[illegible]

House of Lords

LORD WELLS-PESTELL, [illegible] in Waiting, during a debate on [illegible] second reading of the Nati[illegible] Insurance Bill which has pa[illegible] the Commons, said the So[illegible] Security Act would come [illegible] operation on April 6 next y[illegible] Preparations for its introduct[illegible] were already far advanced, par[illegible]ularly for the collection of ea[illegible]ings-related contributions fr[illegible] employers and employees wh[illegible] was part of the Governmen[illegible] long-term plans.

The Act had a number [illegible] defects. In particular, millions [illegible] pensioners were dependent [illegible] means-tested supplementary ben[illegible] fit which was likely to go on for [illegible] good many years. There was [illegible] certain amount of inferior trea[illegible]ment for women.

The Act would ultimately b[illegible] placed. The Government were [illegible]rking on their long-term plans [illegible] a just and comprehensive [illegible]em of social security. It was [illegible]g to take time. They had run [illegible] certain difficulties. But they [illegible]ed that by next week a state[illegible]t would be made.

[illegible]ORD BOYD-CARPENTER—[illegible] the statement make clear to [illegible] responsible for occupational [illegible]ion schemes whether they [illegible]d be wise and prudent to go [illegible] with their plans for expan[illegible] of schemes or to freeze all [illegible]y until a further statement [illegible]de?

[illegible]D WELLS-PESTELL—I un[illegible]nd this will be taken into [illegible]t. Something may well be [illegible] this matter.

[illegible] Bill was read a second time. [illegible]e adjourned, 7.30 pm.

Medicines in safe bottles

MRS KNIGHT (Edgbaston, C) was given leave to introduce the Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill.

She said that adult medicines were strong, effective, potent and horribly lethal to children if taken in quantity. The most guilty medicine in the poison stakes was aspirin which was kept handy in 85 per cent of homes. At least five tons of aspirin tablets disappeared down British throats daily, all from bottles which could be unscrewed without the slightest trouble by small hands.

There were four ways to prevent children being poisoned. The first was child-proof medicine cabinets, but this did not stop tablets placed in handy places from falling into the hands of children. Second, there could be a campaign to educate parents to keep medicines away from children. Third, to direct drug manufacturers to stop making medicines which looked and tasted nice. Fourth, they could put all medicines which could be fatal to children in child-resistant containers.

This would cost money, but nothing like as much as the costs involved in treating sick children who had taken poison. In America, there had been similar legislation since 1970 and statistics showed substantial reductions in accidents as a result of using safer containers. The time had come when action in Britain could not be delayed.

Debate refused on Mr Short

MR ADLEY (Christchurch and Lymington, C), seeking an emergency debate under Standing Order No 9, said the statement made by Mr Short, Lord President of the Council, at 1.10 am was urgent because it should have been made in Parliament. A debate on the matter was essential because Mr Short's statement had raised more questions that it had answered.

The SPEAKER—I do not think any matter can be more inappropriate for a debate under the standing order. (Labour cheers.)

Bill to protect environment reintroduced

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, introduced a Bill to make further progress with regard to waste disposal, water pollution, atmosphere pollution, and public health—the Protection of the Environment Bill which was considered in the last Parliament.

He said that since the opening of Parliament he had been under pressure to introduce the Bill. The only problem had been parliamentary time and whether it could be fitted into the timetable of the Commons.

He had had discussions about the programme for the Bill and had it in mind to take the second reading next Tuesday followed by two committee days on May 14 and 16 with a view to completing the Bill in the last week before the Whitsun recess.

The Bill was read a first time.

The Crouch Harbour Bill was read a second time.

Lay watchdog for solicitors

The LORD CHANCELLOR moved the second reading of the Solicitors (Amendment) Bill which, he said, was the same as that introduced by the previous Government but contained important changes.

It would permit a scheme for the training of solicitors after their admission to the roll. The scheme would involve a vocational course of post admission training and could supplement or even replace the present system of service under articles.

Another new clause was concerned with the machinery for dealing with complaints against solicitors. It would introduce lay membership into the complaints system. It was right to recognize there was some dissatisfaction with a system in which solicitors' conduct was investigated and judged solely by solicitors.

The Law Society and Government were at one in thinking that the clause—providing for the appointment of lay observers—would do much to create confidence in the machinery for dealing with complaints.

LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE said by far the most important innovation in the Bill from the general public's point of view was the provision which provided for compulsory insurance against negligence. When the public complained about solicitors they were really complaining about negligence and this was not a matter for the disciplinary machinery of any profession but for the ordinary courts of law. The remedy for negligence was damages and these could only be awarded by a court.

LORD DENNING, Master of the Rolls, said he got large numbers of complaints by individuals that a solicitors had not done this or that and often they said they had put the matter before the Law Society and still could get no satisfaction.

The Bill provided machinery for a lay observer independent of the society to be appointed by the Lord Chancellor who could look into complaints where the society had not looked into them properly. This would give rise to more public confidence.

The LORD CHANCELLOR said the task of the lay observer was to be a watchdog over the way in which the Law Society had done the job. It was not contemplated he should take over the society's functions of investigation.

The Bill was read a second time.

Cheque cards not caught by credit controls

The Consumer Credit Bill was considered in committee.

On Clause 13 (Debtor-creditor-supplier agreements),

VISCOUNT AMORY (C) moved an amendment intended, he said, to ensure that the cheque card was excluded from debtor-creditor-supplier agreements.

He said unless a change was made in the Bill banks would be compelled to withdraw the use of cheque cards which would be a pity and regretted by a large number of customers.

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, said the amendment was not necessary. It was never intended that the cheque card should be subject to the Bill, but it had become apparent that cheque cards might be held to be subject to the Bill and for this reason the Government had put down an amendment to a later clause which made it clear that cheque guarantee cards were excluded from the provisions.

The amendment was withdrawn.

The committee stage was adjourned.

Parliamentary Notices

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Debate on the problems of agriculture.

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Rates Bill, remaining stages. Debates on the Sharp Report on the disabled and comprehensive education.

'Times' guide to Commons

The Times Guide to the House of Commons, 1974 is now on sale in bookshops, or can be obtained direct from the publishers, Publications Department, Times Newspapers Ltd, Printing House Square, London EC4P 4DE, price £5.25 plus 25p postage within the United Kingdom. It contains biographical details and photographs of all members, a pull-out map of constituencies and results, and detailed statistical treatment of the election.

SPORT

Football

Ball breaks leg in collision at Arsenal

Alan Ball, Arsenal's fiery midfield player is out of the home international championship. He left the field in the twenty-ninth minute of last night's 1—1 draw with Queen's Park Rangers at Highbury with a broken leg. Ball, one of England's World Cup winning team in 1966, joined Arsenal from Everton for £220,000 in December, 1971.

He has been outstanding in Arsenal's fine end-of-season run and, along with Martin Peters, is the only survivor of the World Cup winning side in Sir Alf Ramsey's squad for the championships. He was recalled even though he had played only 15 minutes of international football—against Portugal—since being sent off in the game with Poland 10 months ago.

Ball was in collision with Venables, the Rangers captain. The club doctor said at half-time that Ball had a fractured left fibula and that his leg would be in plaster for eight weeks.

Ball, whose leg was put in plaster at Highbury, said: "It's a choker. There is no way I can be ready for England's tour. There is no possibility of me being able to play in a month. I heard a crack and I knew it had to be bad. Really Terry Venables had nothing to do with it. I tried to nick the ball off him, he took it away, and I just sat on my leg. The break is just above the ankle."

Three players were cautioned in the first half. Eddie Kelly had his name taken for dissent and, when he was later penalized, partly took down his shorts and bent over with his back to the referee. Harry New, who appeared not to notice. Pat Rice, of Arsenal, and Mick Leach, of Queen's Park Rangers, were the others cautioned. Rangers took the lead in the fourth minute through a free kick by Stan Bowles. Liam Brady equalized from 25 yards after 38 minutes.

The match marked the end of the 11-year playing career at Highbury of Bob Wilson, the goalkeeper.

Oldham lost the chance of winning the third division championship in their final home game of the season when they lost 2—0 to *Charlton Athletic*. Before their biggest league crowd of the season, Oldham started badly when slackness in defence allowed Halles to shoot the first goal after 10 minutes.

Oldham fought back. Garwood hit a post and McVitie and Jones went close. Oldham faded against the more cultured play of Charlton, and the visitors wrapped the game up two minutes from time when the substitute Flanagan headed home from close range.

Bill Nicholson, manager of Tottenham Hotspur, watched his Uefa Cup final opponents Feyenoord get a 7—1 hammering from Aston Villa, of the second division, at Villa Park. Despite having seven of the Netherlands World Cup squad in their side Feyenoord were two down at half-time with goals from Brian Little and Keith Leonard and, although Ressell reduced the arrears in the sixtieth minute, they lost five goals in 18 minutes as Villa exploited appalling defensive play by the visitors.

Little added his second goal, Alan Evans made it four, two followed from Tony Betts and another from Leonard completed the scoring.

England match may be sell-out

East Berlin, April 30: England's football match against East Germany in Leipzig on May 29, is well on the way to being a sell-out. Already 60,000 tickets have been sold for the Central Stadium, which holds 100,000 people. Hotels are virtually fully booked and several East German journalists covering the match have been unable to get accommodation.

England won both their previous encounters against East Germany: 2—1 in Leipzig in 1963 and 3—1 at Wembley in 1970.

Allison and Palace pass into obscurity

By a Special Correspondent

Cardiff City 1 Crystal Palace 1

The Crystal Palace revolution, *which has cost the club just under £1m this season*, passed into obscurity last night. Cardiff City held on desperately for the single point they needed to keep them in the second division and Palace went down to the fate their manager, Malcolm Allison, affirmed they would always avoid.

"A second division side we are—a second division side we will remain" he said emphatically before this game; which reminded some people here of his pre-season boast that Palace were really a first division team.

As rain began to pour down on Ninian Park there was genuine sadness in the air to watch such fine individualists as Rogers, Taylor and Whittle hobbling away to the third division. But Palace clearly paid the price for the massive upheavals which have taken place at Selhurst Park since the departure of their previous manager Bert Head. So the situation at the foot of the division two ended as follows:

Cardiff	42	10	16	16	49	62	36
Oxford	42	10	16	16	35	46	36
Sheffield W	42	12	11	19	51	63	35
Crystal P	42	11	12	19	43	56	34
Preston	42	9	14	19	40	62	31
Swindon	42	7	11	24	36	72	25

Mr Allison, *of course*, is not alone these nights to "coach" from the touchline but he moved gladiatorially out with his side for a centre-spot picture; retreating waving to the supporters before the World Cup referee Jack Taylor, presided over a spirited opening half. The Cardiff followers looking one way to the Grangetown end for quick breaks from Reece and Villars, *both* in the Welsh international party; their real fear, however, was Rogers, Palace's enigmatic striker, loafing deep down the left, and perhaps ruminating on the pre-match warning from the manager that he might be taken off if he did not produce the goods within 15 minutes.

Rogers was spared, no doubt, because it was Cardiff who kept forcing Palace back with fierce midfield spoiling from Charles, and the promptings of Carlin, so loved once in Derby, in this his 427th final League appearance. The Welsh pressure was held somehow at this stage by judicious body checking, three abortive free kicks from Vincent, and Cardiff's continuing lack of a viable target man which has hindered them all season.

Cardiff's panache was countered eventually as the lanky Blyth, one of the few survivors of Mr Head's promotion team of 1968-69, set up dignified if sideways movements, enlivened with a couple of crisp exchanges between Rogers and Whittle. But Palace's opening goal after 28 minutes came from a set piece. Taylor's inswinging corner from the right hovered under the bar before left back Jump emerged from the middle of a rugby scrum to hammer the ball past the goalkeeper Healey.

South London's serenades died 10 minutes later, however, when Villars at last awoke from slumber, exploding into one of those central gaps which have cost Palace so dear this season. Three defenders slid by before Reece took and gave a perfect return for Villars to drive the ball past Hammond.

Cardiff resumed with Showers substituting for Carlin, who had hobbled off at the interval. And his extra dash helped the Welsh front line as Palace pushed everyone up, even centre half Barry, to wrest back the goal lead they needed to survive. This was clearly the technical plan envisaged by Cardiff's caretaker manager Jimmy Andrews—to soak up the pressure and counter attack on the break.

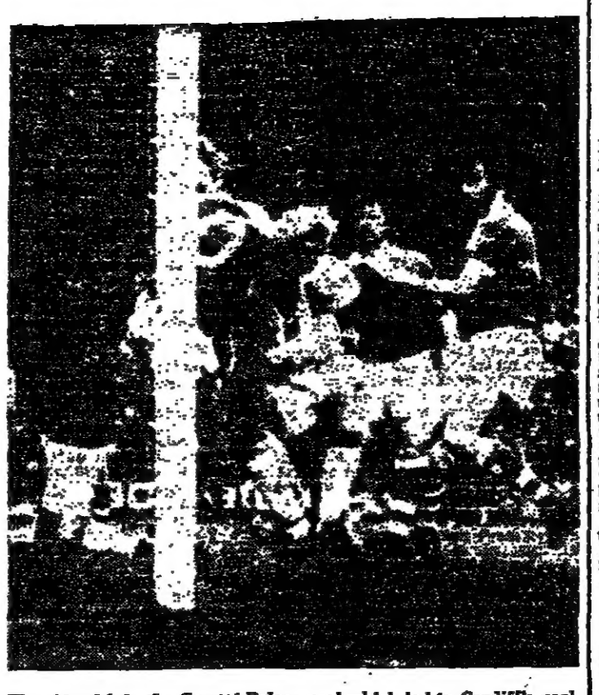
It was Villars again who profited most from the open spaces with three long searing runs from the *halfway line which only the* vigilance of Hammond prevented being turned into goals. But the scene, a furious one, was set mainly around the Cardiff goalmouth where Phillips marshalled his defence brilliantly against Palace's ever more despairing runs from every angle on the field. Once he headed clear from an unguarded goal, but the only real positive threat was a long shot from Blyth which was miraculously swallowed up by Healey.

Why, everyone wondered, had not both teams played with such *high style and passion earlier in* the season? Both could have graced the enlivened second division next season—but it was to be a joyous night in the pubs in Cardiff and the claret and blue scarved supporters of Crystal Palace gallantly chorused "We'll support you ever more" as the referee, Mr Taylor, whistled Mr Allison's expensive outfit into the fastnesses of the *third division*.

CARDIFF CITY: R. Healey; P. Dwyer, F. Pollard, C. Charles, R. Morgan, T. Villars, G. Regis, J. Vincent, L. Phillips, W. Carlin (sub. D. Showers), W. Anderson.

CRYSTAL PALACE: P. Hammond; P. Mulligan, K. Jump, J. Johnson, R. Barry, M. Blyth, D. Jeffries, D. Rose, A. Whittle, D. Rogers, F. Taylor.

Referee: J. K. Taylor (Wolverhampton).



The skirmish in the Crystal Palace goal which led to Cardiff's goal.

Results yesterday

First division

Arsenal (0) 1 QPR (1) 1
Brady; Bowles (40,396)

Second division

Cardiff (1) 1 C Palace (1) 1
Villars; Jump (26,781)

Third division

Halifax (0) 2 York (1) 1
Hale, Shanahan; Hunter (4,275)
Walsall (0) 0 Port Vale (0) 0 (4,228)
Oldham (0) 0 Charlton (1) 2
(18,622) Halles, Flanagan

Fourth division

Scunthorpe (0) 1 Bury (0) 2
Keeley; Hamstead, Murray (2,014)
Exeter (0) 0 Rotherham (0) 0 (2,945)

Scottish first division

Celtic (0) 1 Morton (0) 1
McLaughlin; McGee

Scottish second division

Cowdenbeath (1) 1 Berwick (0) 1
Laing; Hall
Hamilton (1) 2 Kilmarnock (1) 2
Hegarty, O'Reilly; Fleming (2)

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: West Germany 3, Sweden 1.

OTHER MATCHES: Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Midland International XI 5; Aston Villa 7, Feyenoord 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 5, Folkestone 0; Romford 0, Weymouth 1; Wimbledon 2, Bedford 1. First division (north): AP Leamington 1, Corby 0; Hendon 2, Bury Town 1; Stourbridge 2, Barton 2; Witney 0, Wellingborough 0. First division (south): Andover 0, Bath 1; Gravesend 0, Bognor Regis 1; Minehead 0, Ashford 0; Hastings 0, Trowbridge 0; Wealdstone 3, Bexley 0.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop's Stortford 2, Leatherhead 1; Corinthian-Casuals 4, Ilford 1; Leytonstone 1, Kingstonian 1; Wokingham 2, Dulwich 1; Wembley 2, Meadon 0. Second division: Carshalton 2, Hampton 0; Finchley 0, Alvechurch 1.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Boreham Wood 1, Marlow 0; Cheshunt 4, Letchworth 0; Erith and Belvedere 0, Wembley 0; Lewes 2, Hounslow 2; Ruislip 1, Ware 0. Second division: Rainham 3, Harrow 2; Molesey 2, Feltham 0.

RUGBY UNION: Bristol 7, Coventry 13; Waterloo 10, Rosslyn Park 21; Torquay Athletic 30, Falmouth 6; Neath 6, Newbridge 3; St Ives 12, Redruth 4; Abertillery 33, Pontypridd 7.

McQueen challenger for the Scottish No 5 shirt

Football League champions, Leeds United, could provide the backbone for Scotland's World Cup challenge, despite manager Don Revie's recent refusal to release players for the match against West Germany in Frankfurt.

Five Leeds players were included by Willie Ormond, the Scottish team manager, in the provisional party of 40 yesterday with the uncapped Gordon McQueen emerging as the main contender for Holton's No 5 shirt. Alongside McQueen are captain Billy Bremner, goalkeeper David Harvey and forwards Peter Lorimer and Joe Jordan, while from relegated Manchester United come Holton, Morgan, Buchan and Macari.

Significantly, although Munro, of Wolverhampton Wanderers and Glasgow Rangers' Derek Johnstone are in the 40, McQueen and Holton are the only centre-halves in a home internationals pool of 22, which must be regarded as Mr Ormond's probable party for submission to FIFA eight days before the World Cup begins on June 13.

Mr Revie was in no doubt that McQueen, a £45,000 buy from St Mirren 18 months ago, deserved his place. "It is a marvellous reward and recognition for all the hard work and dedication he has shown since he joined us", he said.

"Proof of his ability lies in the fact that he was a regular for our side this season."

McQueen, 21, commented, "It's easily the most memorable moment of my life. I was very raw when I came to Leeds. I realise I still have a lot to learn, but international selection is the biggest boost any young player can get."

There are no major surprises in the selected 22 although Celtic's Jimmy Johnstone looks set for a return to the international scene after a two-year break and Heart of Midlothian forward, Donald Ford, is included after a brief substitute's appearance against West Germany last month.

Denis Law and Newcastle's Jim Smith are among the forwards in the 22, while the shadow party of 18 includes Smith's FA cup final opponent, Peter Cormack (Liverpool). Middlesbrough's Graeme Souness, and Birmingham's Kenneth Burns.

The 20 Anglo-Scots in the full party include back-in-favour Colin Stein and Archie Gemmill, but there are no places for Asa Hartford, Willie Carr, or Newcastle United's Cup final captain, Bobby Moncur.

Celtic provide four members of the 22-man party—Danny McGrain, David Hay, Ken Dalglish and Johnstone, while home-based players in the 40 include the uncapped Jim Hermiston (Aberdeen), Jack Copland (Dundee United) and Jim Stewart (Kilmarnock).

Mr Ormond is expected to reduce the 40 before Scotland play in Belgium on June 1 and Norway on June 6, and then reduce it to 22 *for the actual World Cup matches*. Selected parties:

HOME INTERNATIONALS: D. Harvey (Leeds U, 1 capt); T. Allan (Dundee U), J. Stewart (Kilmarnock, 0); A. Jardine (Rangers, 9), D. McGrain (Celtic, 0), E. Schaedler (Hibernian, 1), W. Donachie (Manchester City, 10), J. Horton (Manchester U, 5), M. Buchan (Manchester U, 10), A. Blackley (Hibernian, 1), G. McQueen (Leeds, 0), W. Bremner (Leeds U, 41), D. Hay (Celtic, 14), J. Smith (Newcastle U, 2), T. Hutchison (Coventry, 4), W. Morgan (Manchester U, 15), K. Dalglish (Celtic, 12), D. Law (Manchester City, 53), D. Ford (Heart of Midlothian 1), J. Jordan (Leeds U, 4), P. Lorimer (Leeds U, 11), J. Johnstone (Celtic, 17).

WORLD CUP ADDITIONS: J. Brown (Sheffield Utd, 0); K. Burns (Birmingham, 1), G. County (Celtic, 2), J. Cowland (Dundee U, 0), P. Cormack (Liverpool, 6), J. Duncan (Dundee, 0), A. Gemmill (Derby, 7), J. Hermiston (Aberdeen 0), D. Johnstone (Rangers, 3), S. Lennox (Celtic, 9), L. Macari (Manchester U, 10), F. Munro (Wolves, 4), D. Parlane (Rangers 1), R. Robinson (Dundee, 1), J. Scott (Dundee, 0), G. Souness (Middlesbrough, 0), P. Stanton (Hibernian, 10), C. Stein (Coventry, 21).

Luton may pay £100,000 for 17-year-old

Luton Town last night agreed terms for the signing of a 17-year-old full back, Paul Futcher, from Chester. Futcher has played only 21 fourth division games. The fee is expected to be around £100,000 and may be paid in four one-yearly instalments.

Luton's manager, Harry Haslam, said: "We have agreed terms with both Chester and the boy and he has now gone back home to talk the move with his family. I don't think there will be any hitches to the deal but we are in no hurry for we have a busy week ahead of us."

Futcher's first game for Luton could be in their close season visit to Majorca or the tour of Sweden before next season starts.

Paul is one of three brothers who have been with Chester. His twin Ron is a striker and his elder brother Graham was given a free transfer last year.

Today's fixtures

SECOND DIVISION: Luton Town v Sunderland (7.30).
THIRD DIVISION: Blackburn Rovers v Wrexham (7.30); Cambridge United v Plymouth Argyle (7.30).
FOURTH DIVISION: Chester v Northampton Town (7.30); Peterborough United v Gillingham (7.30).
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Clyde v Hibernian (7.30).
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers v Queen's Park (7.30); Keith Rovers v Cowdenbeath (7.30); Stirling Albion v East Stirlingshire (7.30).
TESTIMONIAL MATCHES: Eddie McCreadie: Chelsea v Manchester United (7.0); Tommy Wright: Everton v Glasgow Rangers (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dartford v Grantham (7.30); Nuneaton v Tonbridge (7.30); Worcester v Yeovil (7.30). First division—north: Cheltenham v Banbury (7.30); Barry v Tamworth (7.30); First division—south: Hastings v Bideford (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Macclesfield v South Shields (7.30); Matlock v Wigan (7.30); South Liverpool v Skelmersdale (7.30).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Enfield v Walthamstow Avenue (7.30); Second division: Slough v Hornsey (7.30).
OTHER MATCHES: London five-a-side championship, at Wembley (7.0); Army v RAOC, at Aldershot Military Stadium (2.30).

Horse show

Italian throws caution to winds and squelches to victory over d'Inzeo

From Pamela Macgregor-Morris
Rome, April 30

Torrential rain returned to Rome today and the decision to continue with the horse show, which has already started a day late because of the prevailing weather, was postponed until 10 minutes after the first competition was due to start. In fact, there was no alternative, since the grand prix is to be held for the qualified field tomorrow.

The audience consisted of a score of spectators huddling under umbrellas in the open stands while riders and officials sheltered from the deluge beneath the gold-fringed red canopy stretched over the tribune, which is usually reserved for those of ambassadorial rank. It was an unprecedented day in the 40-year-old history of the show, which was continued for the sole benefit of those who were actually involved.

There were no clear rounds in the opening competition, and the four-fault brigade, often strong, fought out a finish in which Raimondo d'Inzeo, on his Irish hunter, Gone Away, the winner yesterday evening, seemed likely to make it two in a row.

He was the first to go clear in a steady 50.4sec on a treacherous, waterlogged going, but was beaten on the post in an all-Italian finish by Filiberto Bertero, a local chartered accountant, riding Paraguay. Bertero threw caution to the winds and squelched to the finish in 43.3sec. He also filled third place, in 40.4sec, the minimum time for the course, with the fastest four faults.

The British riders decided to save their better horse for the second competition, in which a bigger track nevertheless produced five clear rounds—three Spanish, Ferdy Tyseca on Dobius for Belgium (winner of the prix here last year), and Lionel Dunning on Arran Blaze for Britain.

On rapidly deteriorating going and fading light, Jaime Rivera was the winner for Spain on a horse called, appropriately enough, Conquistador, who nearly pulled off a slow clear round but had pole off the last fence. The pair had made three mistakes and gained four places on time, with the runner-up on Dobius in 50.1sec, *Jose Rosello third* on Pagello 59.5sec, and the British pair fourth in 59.7sec.

Conditions like this have never been seen at the show in living memory, and the forecast—that further days of the same weather has not exactly cheered competitors. Dunning told me: "I would have revelled in this, but usually so hard here that I left it at home and brought Bonnie Al a very careful jumper, instead. I can't win." Malcolm Pyrah, skiing in a raincoat, remarked wryly: "And everyone at home thinks going abroad with the team is one long holiday. I can assure you that this particular trip is not."

PREMIO BANCA PRIVATA FIAT (Italian): 1, F. Bertero (Paraguay); 2, Mario R. d'Inzeo (Gone Away); 3, F. Bertero (Tuaco Blue).

PREMIO CONTE BANDINI DI PELLO: 1, J. Rivera (Conquistador); 2, J. Tyseca (Dobius); 3, M. Rosello (Pagello (Spain).

Athletics

Cup final crowd will see top runners

Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Juha Vaatainen, Finland's European 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, will race over 3,000 metres at Wembley Stadium, just before Saturday's FA Cup final, against Brendan Foster, the British holder of the world 2 miles record, Ian Thompson, the Commonwealth Games *marathon champion*, and Ray Smedley, who ran a mile in 3min 57.7sec in the United States last weekend. The race is sponsored by Philips Electrical.

Vaatainen, who will be 33 in July, had a disappointing Olympics, and even many of his own countrymen were prepared to consider his career finished. They ignored the series of serious injuries which Vaatainen had survived before on his way to the top. Foster, for one, thinks that both Vaatainen and the Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, Lasse Viren, will be back in form this season.

Lively presentation is promised for this evening's Golden Wonder meeting at McMillan Stadium, east London, including pop music and "outrageous outfits", worn by some of the athletes. I am all for anything exotic enough to keep our minds off the extreme cold which sometimes blights this floodlit meeting.

There is an outstanding women's entry with Raelene Boyle (Commonwealth champion), against Andrea Lynch (British record holder), and Sonia Lannaman (European junior champion) in the 100 metres, and Susan Mapstone, who says reports of her being in danger of becoming crippled are "two years out of date", in the long jump and hurdles.

The women's javelin has attracted a strong turnout. But the high point of the meeting could be the 300 metres with Verona Bennett, the British 400 metres record holder, against Ruth Kennedy, Raelene Boyle (who ran a 3[illegible] 400 metres relay leg for Australia in the last Olympics), and Pam Murray. Last year Miss Bennett won in 38.5sec but the sum of this evening could come from Murray, who already this season has been reflecting the form that showed as a 17-year-old 200 metres British champion in 1972.

Michael Winch, the Commonwealth Games silver medal winner in the shot, will compete in the east London meeting without the overwhelming presence of Geoff Capes, who will be putting for police in a six-sided match at Loughborough this evening. Winch recently reached [illegible] coaching demonstration and evening could, at least, [illegible] the European champion[illegible] qualifying distance of 62ft 4[illegible]

Tennis

British team in Cairo for Davis Cup round

Cairo, April 30.—The British Davis Cup tennis team arrived here today for their third round European zone match against Egypt, beginning at the Guezira Sporting Club on Friday.

The British players, John Feaver, the brothers John and David Lloyd, and Mark Farrell, were accompanied by the non-playing captain, Tony Pickard, and coach, Roger Becker, who formerly coached the Egyptian team.

Scorching weather greeted the British team with temperatures approaching 90 degrees Fahrenheit but cooler conditions are expected for the three days of the match.

Two practice sessions a day are planned so that the British players can get used to the hard courts here.—Reuter.

Borg rejects £250,000 WTT offer

New York, April 30.—Bjorn Borg will not sign a contract with World Team Tennis (WTT) this year. The 17-year-old Borg had indicated 10 days ago that he would sign for the Cleveland Nets, who were reported to have offered him $600,000 (£250,000) over a three-year period. But Borg decided instead to play again for Sweden's Davis Cup team this year.

WTT launch their season next week when the Pittsburgh Triangles and the Philadelphia Freedoms play the first games in Philadelphia.

Up to now, the league have signed 109 players, including such players as John Newcombe, Billie Jean King, Ken Rosewall, Evonne Goolagong, Jimmy Connors and Tom Okker.—Reuter.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND (South Carolina): Women's tournament: First round: Miss E. Goolagong beat Miss D. Fromholtz, 6—2, 7—6; Miss F. Dury beat Miss V. Blackstone, 6—3, 6—3; Miss J. Heldman beat Miss B. A. Grubb, 7—5, 6—4; Miss J. Evert beat Miss L. Dupont, 6—4, 6—3; Miss W. Overton beat Miss J. Lloyd, 6—4, 6—1; Miss L. Hunter beat Miss J. Newberry, 6—4, 6—3; Miss K. Harris beat Miss L. Bladford, 7—5, 6—4.

Golf

Local professional takes par 69 for his influenza

Despite influenza, Vince Hood shared the lead with Bill Large with a par-equalling 69 at the end of the first round of the Southern professional golf championship, sponsored by Uniroyal, at Bramley, Surrey, yesterday. They hold a one-stroke advantage over Paul Milton, an assistant at Banstead Downs.

Hood, a 31-year-old Irish international, who spent Monday in bed and was on the verge of withdrawing from the tournament, set the pace early in the day, but was lucky not to be overtaken by Large, one of the last finishers.

Large missed a five-foot putt on the 18th green, and it cost him the outright lead. Large, aged 36, of Potters Bar, who plays in only a few major tournaments, confessed afterwards: "I find the strain too big on the nerves."

When Hood, the local professional, got up yesterday he felt slightly better, and his performance was a good tonic. Like Large, he had halves of 33 and 36. Milton also missed a good chance to head the field. He drove into the rough at the 16th and was bunkered at the 18th to take fives at each. Seventy-two players with scores of 76 and better qualified for the 18 holes today.

[illegible] (Potters Bar), 70: P. Walton (Downs), 71: D. Talbot (Royal Ascot), D. Newbery (Blackheath), K. [illegible] (Coombe Hill), R. Foster (Worplesdon), F. Le Broco (Hampstead), K. [illegible] (Moor Park), A. Huggett (Lime Kiln), C. A. Pike (Hillingdon), [illegible] (Herts), L. J. Hooley (Sandy Lodge), [illegible] (Hayden Park), R. Mace (Hoylake), Little (Hindhead), M. [illegible] (Ealing), L. Moody (Wentworth), [illegible] (Hampton), D. Levermore (Hunstanton), G. Peck (Hunstanton), Dorset, S. Murray (Hendon).

[illegible] (Royal Ascot), Roberts (Horsley Park), [illegible] (Hulbeck), R. M. [illegible] (Temple), [illegible] (Chislehurst), L. [illegible] (Sandy Lodge), [illegible] (Queen's Park), [illegible] (Bromley Hill), D. J. R[illegible] (Ashridge), [illegible] (Pennington (West Kent), [illegible] (Formby), GRL. J. Hudson (Ashridge Park), D. Ro[illegible] (Ashridge).

[illegible] R. Crockford (Ashridge), [illegible] Brown (Durham Park), J. [illegible] Powell, D. [illegible] Rennie (Worplesdon), [illegible] Gilbode (Hurlingham), M. Welsh (Hill Hill), R. Dearden (Wrotham Heath), [illegible] Lemmer (Ellesborough), G. Wilde (Downs), R. [illegible] Adwick (Ashridge), [illegible] N. McNeill (Cranbrook), H. [illegible] (Sandy Lodge), W. W. Evans (Wrotham), [illegible] (Ashridge), R. Salmon (Ashridge).

Organisers' troubles may just be starting today

The first day's play in the Clydesdale Bank Northern Open golf tournament ended in confusion at Murcar, Aberdeen, yesterday. Because of continuous rain more than 30 players were unable to finish their rounds. An official at the first tee told late starters to come in when they thought the light was too bad and they took the fullest advantage, coming in before it was necessary. Today the organisers' troubles may just be starting.

Among those still on the course was the Scottish professional champion, Bernard Gallacher (Wentworth), who ended his round on the 14th green having taken nine at the previous hole because of a ball out of bounds and another lost. This put him four over par.

Of those who completed the course, William Milne (Crieff), winner of the Lusaka open earlier this year, shared the lead on two under par 69, with Sandy Horne (Tullialian). The 22-year-old Milne, 6ft 3in and 17st, outgunned the 10st Horne, but it was [illegible] green that Horne [illegible] ground. Horne, a former [illegible] International like his co-le[illegible] required only 29 putts in [illegible] under-par round.

Milne had a more [illegible] round, dropping only one [illegible] part. He holed from six [illegible] the third and 17th [illegible] pitched dead at the 11th [illegible] birdies.

Two strokes behind the [illegible] was the defending champion [illegible] Hunt (North Berwick) [illegible] played well but holed [illegible] note in his 71.

LEADING SCORES: 69: [illegible] (Tullialian) and W. T. G. [illegible] 71: D. Huth (Royal Ber[illegible]), R. M. Jackson (Dunbiane), [illegible] Rennie (Prestwick); 72: R. [illegible] (Hazlehead), H. McDermott [illegible], S. Landale (Kilspindie), [illegible] (Grange and Dundee), A. [illegible] (Inverness); 74: J. Panton [illegible] W. Hector (Seaton Carew), [illegible] (Elgin), R. S. Strachan [illegible], J. H. Little (Royal Aberdeen), [illegible] Fraser (Royal Aberdeen), [illegible] (Nairn), H. Barnham [illegible], G. D. Gray (Dunaver and C. [illegible] Walker (Downfield), I. T. G[illegible]

Miller boosts earnings to £80,000

Washington, April 29.—Johnny Miller, the leading money-winner on the United States professional golf tour, has increased his 1974 earnings to about £80,000, more than twice the amount won by his closest pursuer, Hubert Green.

PGA statistics released today showed that Miller's victory in the Tournament of Champions in California, which earned him £16,600, put him ahead of Green in the prizemoney standings by £40,000. It was the 26-year-old San Franciscan's fifth tour victory this year.

Jerry Heard, who tied for third place in the tournament, became the third highest prizemoney winner, ahead of Leonard Thompson.

TOP TEN: 1, J. Miller, £80,000; 2, H. Green, £40,000; 3, J. Heard, £27,600; 4, L. Thompson, £27,600; 5, J. Mahaffey, £26,700; 6, J. Nicklaus, £24,900; 7, L. Trevino, £19,500; 8, B. Allin, £[illegible]; 9, H. Irwin, £[illegible]; 10, D. Stockton, £[illegible].

Madrid win to play at Bournemou[illegible]

Manuel Pinero, the [illegible] Madrid Open golf champ[illegible] week, will compete in [illegible] Bournemouth better [illegible] tournament, worth £12,[illegible] 13 to 18. He will p[illegible] Conizares, the winner [illegible] Lancia D'Oro tourname[illegible]

Pinero, 21, has been [illegible] fessional champion for [illegible] years and is regarded [illegible] finest prospect. The [illegible] zares partnership is [illegible] strong Spanish combi[illegible] will try to win the £2,[illegible] at the Queen's Park co[illegible] Francisco Abreu, co[illegible] longest hitter in Europ[illegible] with Manuel Ballester [illegible] joined by Angel G[illegible] Valentin Barrios, w[illegible] Madrid title in a sudde[illegible] off with Pinero.

Rowing record

It was confirmed yesterday that Guy's Hospital Boat Club broke the Oxford to London record on Sunday, rowing an eight from Folley Bridge to Westminster Bridge in 14hr 35min 46sec. The previous best record of 15hr 16min was made by Wallingford RC in 1970.

Road walking

MAIDSTONE: National Police championship (10 miles): 1, Sgt A. Seddon, 7min 25sec; 2, Insp L. Mockett; 3, Sgt C. Foster.

Cross country

MAIDSTONE: National Police championship: 1, Constable D. Lean, Kent, 23sec; 2, Constable Bass, Sussex, 3; 3, Constable M. Tebbutt, Surrey, 7; Team standings: 1, City of Glasgow, 41 pts; 2, Metropolitan, 43 pts; 3, West Yorkshire, 72 pts.

Ice hockey seri[illegible]

Toronto, April 29.—[illegible] team, made up of pla[illegible] World Hockey Associ[illegible] fessional ice hockey [illegible] play the Soviet Union [illegible] series, starting in Se[illegible] first four games will [illegible] Canadian cities and t[illegible] Moscow.—Reuter.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: [illegible] Boston Red Sox [illegible]
NATIONAL LEAGUE: [illegible] Chicago Cubs [illegible] New York Mets [illegible]

Cricket

HOVE: Sussex [illegible] London Universities [illegible]

Boxing

Dispute settled and title bout will go ahead

Cagliari, Sardinia, April 30.—A last-minute dispute which threatened tomorrow's European lightweight boxing title bout between the Italian holder, Antonio Puddu, and Ken Buchanan, of Scotland, was cleared up tonight, and the contest will go ahead.

The dispute between Buchanan and the Sardinian promoter, Salvatore Cuboni, was over money. The Scot claimed Cuboni had continually let him down and said he would leave for home tonight unless his purse was deposited in his hotel safe. The row was patched up after a long meeting between the two sides presided over by Signor Pietro Pini, the secretary-general of the European Boxing Union.

After the meeting, Buchanan's father said full agreement had been reached on all points including the purse, and the bout would go ahead. "Everything is OK now. It was all a misunderstanding", Mr Thomas Buchanan said.

He said the purse had already been paid into a bank and may be withdrawn by Buchanan after the fight. There were no problems about payment of tax either. There would be no tax on the purse.

Signor Pini dispelled concern about the weather by saying if it was too wet the bout would be moved from the open-air football stadium to the indoor Cagliari Sports Palace. A decision on this will be taken tomorrow morning. Asked if he was now happy, Signor Pini said: "I have been working on this fight for three months. I will be happy when I see the two fighters in the ring and the bell sounds for the first round."

Earlier, before the arrival of the diplomatic Signor Pini, Buchanan's hotel lobby had been a scene of utter confusion with members of the two camps marching to and fro. Two bank officials walked out in protest, claiming their dignity had been offended.

Referee for the bout, scheduled to start tomorrow evening at about 1800 GMT, is Kurt Halbah, of West Germany. The judges are Raymond Baldeyrou, of France, and Jean Deswert, of Belgium.

Buchanan's camp are not taking any chances with unruly crowds. A group of 40 British paratroopers from a nearby Nato base are coming to the contest and six have been asked to act as an off-duty bodyguard for Buchanan as he enters and leaves the ring.

Buchanan himself is completely relaxed and confident, predicting he will win by an early knockout although he has never seen Puddu box. He says he was irritated by the several postponements to this bout, but that he is too much of a professional to climb into the ring in an angry mood. "I've just got to do the best job I can and not lose my head", he said.

Puddu's camp have great respect for Buchanan's technical skills, but the Scotsman himself says that in the last year or so, he has liked "mixing it too". Puddu has a reputation as a fighter more than a boxer and a scrapping match could make the contest a close thing.

Buchanan is strong favourite to lift the title and set himself up for an attempt at the world crown he once held but lost controversially to Panamanian Roberto Duran, in 1972.

Buchanan probably has the better chance if he uses his superior speed and skill to pick off the Italian with his stinging straight lefts and occasional deadly left hooks. Puddu is also fully confident and relaxed, although he has never seen Buchanan fight. The Italian says he, too, might have a crack at the world title if he wins tomorrow.

A victory over a former world champion like Buchanan would put him in a better position for a world contest, Puddu said. Puddu's best punch, like Buchanan's, is the left hook. He has been sparring with a welterweight in order to prepare for Buchanan's greater height and weight.—Reuter.

Croquet

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON: American handicap singles: Block [illegible] J. Cooper (Ealing) beat B. S. Pedley (-2) (+4); Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (1) beat H. S. Clemons (0) (+1); Lt-Col G. E. Cave (0) beat Col D. M. C. Pritchard (-1) (+4); Sir L. Dudley (0) beat Mrs D. M. C. Pritchard (1) (+1). Block [illegible] K. S. Schofield (3) beat R. S. Stenner (3) (+1); C. Edwards (0) beat Dr R. B. [illegible] Spears (0) (+1). Block [illegible] F. L. Fletcher (0) beat Mr [illegible] Turner (3) (+1); Brig E. Ferguson (0) beat Mrs S. S. Cruden (0) (+4). Block [illegible] D. Nye, B. E. Spear (2) beat Mrs H. Cleave (3) (+1); Rear Adm E. C. [illegible] (0) beat Mrs M. Harris (+4). [illegible] Doubles: First round: Dr W. R. [illegible] and Mrs E. Ferris (7) (+4) beat Lt-Col D. M. [illegible] and Dr J. [illegible] (+1); [illegible] and Mrs M. L. Tucker and Mr W. [illegible] beat Mrs [illegible] (1) (+1); [illegible] and Mrs Fletcher (2) (+4) on time; E. Buckland and C. E. Knight (2) beat H. S. Clemons and Mrs D. Whiteman (1) (+4); Mrs J. N. Rolfe and A. F. Coleman (3) beat J. Lee and Mrs H. Harris (1) (+4); Dr R. B. N. Smith and Mrs S. S. Cruden (1) beat K. S. Schofield and Dr G. W. Evans (1) (+1); Lt-Col O. E. Cave and Miss Cave (5-) beat Mrs D. M. C. Pritchard and Mrs C. W. Marshall (1) (+1) on time; [illegible] Dudley and C. Edwards (0) beat Mrs E. Rotherham and Mrs R. S. Leach (+1).

Cycling

TOLEDO: Tour of Spain, seventh stage: 1, D. Bergues (Belgium), 3hr 35min 19sec; 2, F. Lopez (Belgium), the same time; 3, M. Lasa (Spain), the same time. Overall standings: 1, D. Bergues (Belgium), 24hr 10min 5sec; 2, E. Leman (Belgium), 24hr 1[illegible]; 3, M. Lasa (Spain), 24hr 2[illegible].

Rugby Union

Penalty kicks decide for Coventry

By Alan Gibson

Bristol 7 Coventry 13

It was, on the whole, worthwhile playing this match. It had been intended to play it last Saturday, but Coventry were then engaged in the final of the knockout competition. It was good of them to switch the date, and they were hardly to be blamed if some of their leading players were absent. Bristol too were below full strength. A crowd of perhaps 4,000 had come along, and enjoyed their farewell to the season, on a calm, pleasant evening.

Coventry won by a try and three penalty goals to a try and a penalty goal. Although the Coventry try came only at the very end, their win was deserved. Bristol were the more dangerous when running with the ball, but Coventry saw that they did not have too much of it, and tackled and covered with unyielding pluck. *Penalty kicks decided the game*, but for better or worse they are part of it.

The first quarter was untidy, and penalties were the nearest either side came to scoring. Martin missed one and then kicked one, to give Coventry the lead. Hignell missed four. He did not miss them by much, but he kept hooking the ball past the left post. However, his fourth miss was inadequately cleared, and Bristol started a movement on their right hand touchline which swung across the field, the full back joining in, and ended in a try by Rollitt on the left.

Hignell missed the conversion, but then kicked a good long penalty. Martin, who had been just wide with a drop at goal, then kicked his second penalty. Bristol lost White, their hooker, for a few minutes. He seemed to get severely trodden upon in a maul: not that it had been an unusually rough game so far. Coventry pushed them even more than usual in the following scrummages, but Bristol kept sufficiently in touch with things for Hignell to miss another penalty. White, looking, if I may say so, a little chalky, returned at half time. Bristol *leading 7—6*.

The second half was more ill-tempered, and a needless scuffle, in which Williams was the chief but not the only villain, enabled Martin to kick his third penalty goal. Hignell shortly afterwards missed yet again, but just as the name of Pearn could be heard among the crowd, like a kind of muttered sigh, the young Bristol scrum half restored confidence to his supporters *and his side with a couple* of breaks in midfield which had Coventry's defence wobbling.

In the last quarter of an hour, prolonged by an inordinate amount of injury time, Bristol kept running, and Coventry kept tackling. Coventry owed much at this stage to the resource and courage of Gittings, and it was appropriate that when they counterattacked he *should snap up a ball from the* heels of his scrum, dive over, and settle the match.

BRISTOL: D. G. Tyler; P. Wintle, C. J. Williams, R. J.

SPORT

Racing

Apalachee is ready to let Piggott share Archer's classic record

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Lester Piggott will be trying to equal Fred Archer's record of 21 classic victories when Vincent O'Brien gives him the leg up on Apalachee for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday. O'Brien said yesterday that Apalachee had completed his preparations to his satisfaction, and that his horse is well, but he declined to say when Apalachee will leave Ireland or where he will arrive in England. A precautionary watch will be kept on him around the clock.

The big American-bred colt is the firm favourite at 6-4 on to win this classic and remain unbeaten. Only four colts have started at odds on and won the 2,000 Guineas this century. If Apalachee succeeds in coping with Nonoalco, Habat, Giacometti and company, and does it in style, he will be an extremely short-priced favourite for the Derby. Seventeen are still engaged in Saturday's race after yesterday's four-day forfeit stage; perhaps 14 will go to the post. The race is due to start at 2.15, earlier than some might expect.

Later in the day Escorial, the favourite for the Oaks, is making her first seasonal appearance in the Pretty Polly Stakes, for which 11 other fillies have taken the ground. My news of Escorial is particularly encouraging. The list of those still engaged in the Palace House Stakes, the valuable sprint on Saturday includes Rapid River, Brave Lad, who won the Ayr Gold Cup three months ago, Supreme Court, Bangar Bede, The Bines and Gift of Nobility.

No one can quibble with the standard of racing at Ascot today, either. A year ago Galiano started favourite in the Joe Coral Victoria Cup, but finished only third. After the race it was generally agreed that his jockey, Ernest Johnson, had not excelled and that Galiano had ought to have finished much closer to the winner, Royal Prerogative. I still think perhaps even Galiano enters the fray again with 5 lb less to carry than the champion and now jockey William Carson on his back. Together they look a formidable partnership, and they ought to be hard to beat if they progress.

Galiano could hardly have made a more encouraging start to the season when he won at Newbury when he finished third in the Spring Cup. His market rival this afternoon, Blue Cashmere, has not run this season, but that should not be held against him because his trainer, Michael Stoute, has had him in strong work for a long time. He won the Ayr Gold Cup with Blue Cashmere last September, and took him to Ascot eight days later, where he won the Trafalgar House Handicap, run over this course and distance carrying a penalty.

Father Christmas is a half brother to Welsh Pageant, who won this race in 1970. Father Christmas won his first race last season, and he is a free running horse, just the type to make a bold show. Proverb, a stable companion of Galiano, is one of three old stayers due to meet in the Paradise Stakes. I wonder, though, whether either he or Sunyboy, who finished second in the Irish St Leger, will be capable of giving 5 lb to King Levanstell, who finished fourth in our St Leger, some lengths behind Peleid.

Moulines to have next run in Prix Lupin

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, April 30

The first two in Sunday's Poule D'Essai des Poulains, Moulines and Mississipian, are likely to meet again in the £45,500 Prix Lupin at Longchamp on May 19.

At the turn of the year, Richard Carver, the trainer of Moulines, thought that he had no horses of classic class. Now he is keen to see if the son of Kashmir II, who was staying on well on Sunday's heavy ground, will be as good over the 10½ furlongs of the Lupin.

Sunday's other big winner, D'Arras, will not reappear before the Prix du Jockey-Club on June 9. Trained at Maisons-Laffitte by Jean-Pierre Ippen, D'Arras is a horse who does best when fresh. Some writers thought him a lucky winner of the £18,200 Prix Noailles, blaming Jean-Claude Desaint for coming too late on the even-money favourite, Steinway.

This is not true. Steinway dropped back on the turn but he had ample time to make his challenge

Ascot programme

[Television (BBC 2): 2.30, 3.5, 3.40 and 4.1[illegible]]

2.0 GARTER STAKES (2-y-o: £1,722: 5f)

2.30 GOLDEN HIND STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £1,500: 1m)

3.5 JOE CORAL VICTORIA HANDICAP (£[illegible]: 7f)

3.40 PARADISE STAKES (£1,822: 2m)

ROCKER BULTEEL HANDICAP (£1,572: 7f)

[illegible]ITE ROSE STAKES (3-y-o: £3,615: 1¼m)

[illegible]BHAM HANDICAP (£969: 1¼m)

BRIDGE HANDICAP (£476: 1¼m 40yds)

HURGILL LODGE PLATE (£207: 1m 3f 40yds)

[illegible]RICHMOND PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £276: 5f)

Ascot selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Whisky Glen. 2.30 TACHIBANA is specially recommended. 3.5 Galiano. 3.40 King Levanstell. 4.10 Nearly New. 4.40 English Prince. 5.10 Our Mummy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Lucky Cinders. 2.30 Pretty Jewel. 3.5 Blue Cashmere. 4.10 Talk of the Town. 4.40 Le Duc. 5.10 De Musset.

Catterick programme

2.15 JOCKEY CAP HANDICAP (Selling: £395: 1m 3f 40yd)

2.45 SEDBURY PLATE (2-y-o: £276: 5f)

3.15 SPRING MANDICAP (£483: 7f)

3.45 RICHMOND PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £276: 5f)

Catterick Bridge selections

2.15 Street. 2.45 Lady Mabel. 3.15 Chantilly [illegible] Tuesday Sue. 4.15 Levanilla. 4.45 Floor [illegible]

Brighton results

2.0 (2.4) PETWORTH HANDICAP (£400: 1m)
STORMER, b h, by Arctic Storm—Plaid Bloom (Mr W. Marshall), 9 st 9 lb ..... R. Marshall (11-4 fav) 1
SCARAMANDER, b g, by Clear River—Straight Minstrel (Mrs G. Holding), 9 st 10 lb ..... P. Waldron (15-2) 2
PERSIAN ORANGE, ch g, by Klondyke Bill—Tamum, Phoenix (Mr K. Cassidy), 7 st 8 lb ..... M. Tobin (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Loughborough George, 7 Namrakie, 10-1 Voluset, 15-1 Dutch Treble, 16-1 Kouia, 20-1 Wind (4th), 30-1 Fiery Wind, Only Miranda, Midnight Dream. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 10p, 20p, 11p, 11p. W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. 1l, 1½l. 1min 49.2sec.

2.30 (2.31) ORLEANS STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £[illegible]: 5f)
WELSH MATE, b f, by Welsh Saint—King's Mate (Col Sir D. Cunard), 8 st 8 lb ..... P. Waldron (14-1) 1
SOMC TREASURE, br f, by Wolver Sonnet—Queen Fawn (Mrs G. Scudder), 8 st 6 lb ..... K. Dennis (9-4) 2
SEPTEMBER STAR, ch f, by Polish Patriot—September (Mr A. Tenn), 8 st 8 lb ..... R. Edmondson (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Another Pierre (4th), 9-4 Lady of La Mesahe, 25-1 Fifinia. Fifty. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.12; places, 47p, 27p; forecast, £4.34. P. Cuppin, at Dardon. 2½l, 3l. 1min 09.32sec.

3.0 (3.2) HETHERSETT STAKES (3-y-o: £1,918: 1½m)
COLONEL NELSON, b c, by Silver Shark—Edole (Mr C. St George), 9 st 7 lb ..... L. Piggott (11-2) 1
WOODLAND REWARD, b c, by Parthenon—Sister Wilma (Mrs W. Henriquez), 8 st 10 lb R. Marshall (13-1) 2
HOPE OF HOLLAND, ch c, by Prefendre—La Speranza (Mr U. van der Plooij), 8 st 2 lb ..... P. Eddery (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Priorine (4th), 33-1 Grand Orient, Kutusov. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 12p, 30p; forecast, 58p. M. Cecil, at Newmarket. 10l, hd. 2min 39.30sec.

3.30 (3.37) CONFLANS STAKES (2-y-o: £472: 5f)
KINGSHOTT, br c, by Mummie—Street Hawker (Mrs M. Hill), 9 st 2 lb ..... A. Daniels (2-7) 1
ROI DE FRONTIERE, ch c, by Grand Roi—Border Fantasy (Col C. Spencer), 8 st 11 lb ..... G. Kyle (13-1) 2
DOUBLE WHISKEY, ch c, by Double U-Jay—Miss MacDonald (Cmdr C. Campbell-Johnston), 8 st 11 lb ..... A. Murray (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 14-1 Premier Cru (4th), 33-1 Silver Shilling. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 13p; forecast, £1.01. N. Callaghan at Newmarket. 2l, 8l. 1min 0[illegible]. Today did not run.

4.00 (4.3) TOWN PURSE HANDICAP (£[illegible]: 1½m)
GLONS, br c, by Rupondon—Highlight (Mr D. Blackburn), 4 yrs, 9 st 4 lb ..... P. Eddery (10-1) 1
KNIGHT TEMPLAR, br c, by King Log—Partition Glance (Mrs D. Riley-Smith), 4 yrs, 8 st 6 lb ..... A. Murray (12-1) 2
OWENBOLISKA, ch c, by Comedy Show—Gold Empress (Mr V. Kilkenny), 4 yrs, 9 st 4 lb ..... R. Edmondson (7-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Aldie, 5-1 Mallard, 12-1 Gift Gloves, 14-1 Tudor Jewel (5th) Hornpipe, 20-1 Bilbury Ash, 33-1 Regal Mask, Zumbie, El Drac, Please Luck. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 17p, 23p, 14p. T. Corbett, at Newmarket. 2½l, 3l. 2min 04.[illegible]sec.

4.30 (4.33) PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP (3-y-o: £722: 6f)
SILVER TIGER, gr c, by Tudor Grey—Bent North (Mr J. Edwards), 9 st 2 lb ..... R. Hutchinson (11-4) 1
SPANISH PRINCE, gr c, by Don II—Hazouk (Mr H. J. Joel), 8 st 4 lb ..... G. Lewis (5-1 fav) 2
SUPER SAPHIRE, b f, by Super Sam—Capidon (Mr F. Barber), 8 st ..... J. Lynch (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mister Bime, 7-1 Sipperio, 15-2 Mahbleasat, 16-1 Sailor's Frolic, Take It Easy, 30-1 Bearward, Cissbury Boy (4th). 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 16p, 15p, 84p; dual forecast, 57p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 1l, hd. 1min 11.28sec. Tringa did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Colonel Nelson, Gloss, £6.15. TREBLE: Welsh Mate, Kingshott, Silver Tiger, £19.40. JACKPOT (all six winners): £359.55 to 1[illegible] ticket.

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2.30: 1. DECIMALISATION (16-1); 2. Purple Gem (7-1); 3. Old Stephen (15-2). George Ross. 3-1 fav. 17 ran.
3.0: 1. PEZETOT (100-30); 2. Jock Stein (7-4 fav); 3. Bold Lutteo (8-1). 6 ran.
3.30: 1. STAY BELL (9-4 fav); 2. Carmond Prince (7-2); 3. Persian Boom (8-1). 12 ran.
4.0: 1. HUGO DUNCAN (9-4); 2. Fenalie (5-4 fav); 3. Trossachs Prince (4-1). 5 ran.
4.30: 1. ARCTIC VACATION (4-5); 2. Come to Bunn (5-1); 3. Digonis (7-2). 5 ran. Dunsany, Royal Chic did not run.
5.0: 1. SIR SMARTS (9-1); 2. Kites (20-1); 3. Tillside (11-2). Sovereignty. 5-1 fav. 17 ran.

Guineas declarations

Four-day declarations for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday are: Apalachee, Cimoriana, Chester Relish, Dalin, Dokyoud, Dragonara Palace, Giacometti, Habat, Maestro Please, Nonoalco, Northern Taste, Son of Shaka, Super Red, Talk of the Town, Welsh Harmony, Whitesnake, Bazzle Song.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket and Epsom Oaks: Pinchbelle, at 9 am, April 29. Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket: Arunos. Chevalier Park Stakes, Newmarket: Kashmine. St James Palace Stakes, Ascot: Sakiko. FFA Gold Cup Handicap, York: Super Order. Colour Photo. Royal Cedar, Tantara. FNFG Lockinge Stakes, Newbury: Gleconcil. Glen Sirae. All arrangements: Dancing Boy. Charly Moor.

Cheltenham programme

5.30 CLIVE HUNTERS STEEPLECHASE (£272: 2¼m)

6.0 DUKE OF BEAUFORT'S HUNTERS STEEPLECHASE (£680: 3m 1f)

6.35 OVERBURY STEEPLECHASE (£715: 2¾m)

7.10 UNITED HUNTS STEEPLECHASE (£442: 3m 2f 76yds)

7.45 [illegible]ELEY OPEN HUNTERS STEEPLE[illegible]E (£340: 2¾m)

8.15 [illegible] OF WHITE HORSE HUNTERS [illegible]LECHASE (£204: 2¾m)

Chepstow

2.10 (2.20) JUBYLE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £[illegible]: 1¼m)
WATER BOARD, br g, by Oleorum—Hot Water (Mr P. Hole), 7 st 5 lb ..... J. Jenkinson (10-1) 1
DAISY NOL, b f, by Alcide—Frame Up (Mrs J. Allen), 7 st 11 lb ..... R. Saunt (6-1) 2
YANITO, b f, by Lucio—Yanoula (Mrs C. Keelinge), 7 st 11 lb ..... S. Hughes (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Bride of Rhyme, 11-2 Miss Malinda, 6-1 Lucky Tiger, Private Well, 10-1 No Hesitancy (4th), 15-1 Ho Ham, 33-1 Quiet. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 13p, 14p, 20p; dual forecast, £1.44. R. Turnell, at Marlborough. 8l, 2l.

2.40 (2.51) FILLE DE LYS STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £[illegible]: 5f)
STARLIT WAGON, b f, by Crepello—Wild Market (Mr H. Arzum), 8 st 7 lb ..... P. Perkins (16-1) 1
ROYAL AS SOCIETY, ch f, by Wrekin Rose—Indigo Rose (Mr L. Robins), 8 st 8 lb ..... R. Cumani (12-1) 2
ALD, b f, by Nijinsky—Seven Sisters (Mrs A. Westerdale), 8 st 6 lb ..... J. Gorton (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Crystal Seal, Royal Pall (4th), 7-1 Cynthia, 12-1 Talledge Mist, 16-1 Cool Sally (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, [illegible]; places, 33p, 15p, 19p; dual forecast, £[illegible]. R. Houghton at Marlborough. 2½l, 1l.

3.15 (3.16) SHAMROCK HANDICAP (£[illegible]: 1m)
SUCCESSOR, ch h, by Great Nephew—Loddon (Mrs J. Clay), 5 st 13 lb ..... W. Carson (11-4) 1
CANTILE, b g, by Le Levanstell—Bayme Myth (Mr S. Hunt), 8 st 7 lb ..... F. Morby (7-1) 2
RED MAN, gr h, by Red Gulch—Allamanda (Mr R. McCormick), 5 yrs, 8 st 11 lb ..... P. Cook (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Apple of my Eye, 9-2 Lingue, 16-1 King Casper, Sculpture, 25-1 Shining Heights, Charlotte Whistler's Lane. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 13p, 14p, 20p; dual forecast, £1.44. R. Turnell, at Marlborough. 8l, 2l.

3.45 (3.50) LEEK PLATE (3-y-o: £[illegible]: 1m)
FINAL CHORD, br c, by Tudor Melody—Last Call (Mr T. Egerton), 9 st ..... M. Birch (5-1) 1
MOSSINELLA, ch f, by Ballymoss—Sinella (Mr J. Coggan), 8 st 6 lb ..... F. Morby (7-1) 2
FRANTIC, b c, by Stupendous—Frangipanni (Mr J. Sadler), 8 st 11 lb ..... R. Taylor (11-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Bunny Club, 16-1 Fast, 20-1 Mongolia Gold, 25-1 Ribbon, The Jolly Ringer, 33-1 Oriental Slipper, Rapalino, Beau Seal, Beer Flavour, Aztlan, Herd to Catch, Mountain Nicorick, Sunday Walk. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p, 20p, 9p; W. Hern, at West Ilsley. 2½l, 1l.

4.15 (4.18) ROSE HANDICAP (£[illegible]: 1m)
SIKKINSEVEN, ch g, by Henry the Seventh—Word Perfect (Mrs J. Stirling), 5 yrs, 8 st 6 lb ..... R. [illegible] (6-1) 1
QUITE SWEET, b m, by Some Sort—Inquisitive Monkey (Mr H. Baker), 5 yrs, 8 st 2 lb ..... W. [illegible] (6-1) 2
RITRUDA, ch f, by Rot Dumbler—Rhonda (Mr C. Berlin), 4 yrs, 8 st 2 lb ..... P. Madden (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Dunsan, 4-1 Joe's Joke (4th), 5-1 Nutmom Polar, 9-1 [illegible], 14-1 Falco, Minikoki, 20-1 Gold [illegible], 25-1 Cockford, 33-1 Bellbouquet, Beau [illegible]. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.18; places, 20p, 19p, 14p. [illegible] Stevens, at Colerne. 1½l, 6l.

[illegible] (4.50) MAPLE PLATE (2-y-o: £[illegible]: 5f)
[illegible]GORA, b c, by Rattingan—Alexider (Mr R. Howell), 8 st 6 lb ..... R. Wilson (11-1) 1
[illegible]NGLET, b c, by Quorum—Sunny Term (Mr J. Barnett), 8 st 12 lb ..... P. Cook (5-1) 2
[illegible]AFITTE, br f, by Horlicks—Cinder (Mr D. Kettle), 8 st 3 lb ..... G. Starkey (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Taw and Tequila, 12-1 Star Dreamer (4th), 16-1 [illegible], 20-1 Golden Elite, Sarah Sunset, [illegible], Rudgers Run, Late for Lunch. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 19p, 14p, 27p; [illegible] Colerne. 1½l, 6l. Garrickown [illegible] run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Successor, Sculpture. TREBLE: Starlit Wagon, Final [illegible]. Alcora. [illegible]

Memoirs of 'an unfinished woman'

The title Lillian Hellman gave to a book of memoirs she published five years ago was *An Unfinished Woman*. It was not so much a life story, more a part-autobiographical jigsaw account of some of the people whose lives had crossed hers—people like Hemingway, Scott Fitzgerald and Dorothy Parker. Through it, Miss Hellman moved as narrator, and through it the strands of her life could be hazily perceived. She was born, an only child, 67 years ago in New Orleans; she went on to become perhaps America's most distinguished mid-century playwright.

About 1930 she met Dashiell Hammett, the writer who was to share her life for almost 30 years and with whom she was blacklisted during the McCarthy era. Hammett figured in *An Unfinished Woman*; now, a decade after his death, comes a second collection of memoirs entitled *Pentimento* (Macmillan £3.50), which is an art historian's term for the way in which old paint on a canvas sometimes becomes transparent, allowing the outlines of an earlier picture to show through to the surface.

Meeting Miss Hellman today, one is conscious of a courteous reserve: certain areas of her life are clearly staked out as private ("What I can't explain I'm not going to try, and anyway I no longer trust my memory that much"), which is presumably why these two books are only obliquely autobiographical.

"I just couldn't believe that anyone would care about my life day by day, year by year, so I chose a series of portraits instead. My father once told me that my whole life was going to be lived in a question-mark, and if he was right then maybe I should have been a journalist. I'm so much better at asking than answering: there's a great deal now that I simply can't or won't remember."

McCarthy, for instance?

"Not necessarily, though that was bad enough for a while—neither Hammett nor I could get work and I ended up behind the counter in a department store under another name. No, that was just one of those periodic catastrophes that America goes through, like the Nixon presidency. What really shocked me in Hollywood around the late 1940s, though, was how quickly and easily the American liberal intellectual could be corrupted."

Her life has seldom lacked drama: she was in Spain during the civil war, in Russia during the Second World War, and between the two worked briefly as a courier for an anti-Nazi organization smuggling Jews out of Germany. None of this does she describe dramatically, or even completely; it just happened, and to her. One doubts that there will ever in fact be a full account of her life.

"I'm leaving all my papers to the University of Texas, but they're in for a terrible shock—I've destroyed or lost the really good ones."

By nature a loner, Lillian Hellman found film writing difficult and playwriting ultimately impossible, largely because of the other people who had eventually to be involved in the productions.

"I guess I'm just not a collaborator. Lonely? Yes, sometimes, especially as I seem to be the last of the Hellmans. My family wasn't in the habit of having children. But I kind of enjoy being on my own: Hammett always said I was the only person he knew who could mentally leave the room midway through a conversation.

"I knew from the time I started out that I wanted to be a writer, but then every kid wants to be a writer. I've never been much good, though, at writing for anybody but myself—I can't change with the times."

(Testifying to the House UnAmerican Activities Committee in 1952, and refusing to answer questions about her friends, she put it more strongly. "I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year's fashions.")

Lillian Hellman is, and must always have been, the kind of lady played by Katharine Hepburn in films of the 1930s: more than that, her contribution to the American theatre has been considerable even if over here, as she says, her plays always look "like they're being done in translation". Yet she doesn't think of herself as a playwright, or ("God forbid") as the first of the liberated women.

"What good is freedom if you've not got the money for it? It's all very fine to go on about Nora's great escape from her husband at the end of *A Doll's House*, but how was she planning to eat that night? What I did in the 30s I did because I had to, or because it was offered me. If they'd said 'try being fashion editor of *Vogue*' I'd have tried it. But I never wrote just for the money—at least I tried it once in Hollywood, and it was a disaster."

And now? "I don't know . . . somehow I never planned to be alive beyond 65, and I find it all very confusing—I get exhausted just walking around. But I'm off to Burgundy tomorrow to do a piece for a travel magazine . . . maybe I shall end up as a journalist after all."

Sheridan Morley

Explaining the physical mysteries of growing up

Despite the generally increased understanding of sex, many parents request more information about the physical changes occurring at puberty. There is also considerable ignorance of these facts among older children.

It is remarkable that for the past 100 years at least, puberty has occurred at a progressively earlier age. A girl's first period now occurs more than three years earlier than it did in the past. The reason for this is unknown, but it is probably related to improved nutrition. This is supported by the fact that better nutrition causes an increase in height, and children have been growing taller over the past century. Adults are now about four inches taller than they were. Moreover, the increase in height and the earlier puberty is greatest in children belonging to the highest socio-economic class.

The younger the age at puberty, the earlier the cessation of growth, so children now stop growing earlier. But it is interesting to note that with the first period occurring earlier, the last period is occurring later.

Puberty in boys takes place about two years later than in girls, and this extra growing time accounts in part for their greater height. Their puberty growth spurt is also more intense and lasts longer than the girls'.

The age of the onset of puberty is also influenced by family and racial factors. If a mother started her periods early, her daughter is more likely to do the same; the age at puberty varies with different races, and Chinese girls are among the earliest to mature. It used to be suggested that puberty occurred earlier in the tropics, but more detailed study has shown this to be incorrect.

In girls, the first sign of puberty is breast development, which usually begins about two years before the first period. Often one breast begins to mature before the other: this can cause anxiety unless this aspect of normal growth is understood beforehand. The next sign is the growth of pubic hair, which begins before any hair appears in the armpits. During this time there has been a rapid increase in height, so that when the first period occurs the puberty growth spurt is almost over. This knowledge should reduce the unnecessary anxiety of some parents that their daughters are going to be excessively tall, if this thought is based on the erroneous idea that a girl continues to grow a lot after the first period.

For about two years before the onset of puberty, a girl may notice an increase of vaginal mucus. This moisture may be sufficient to cause staining and can lead to fears of a vaginal discharge if its normal nature is misunderstood.

The first few periods are irregular and often scanty. This is perfectly normal and it may be a year before the body has achieved its normal cycle.

I am quite often asked about symptoms of "hidden periods", meaning monthly symptoms before the start of menstruation. The usual complaint is of abdominal pain or headache, but I have never been able to convince myself that this is the correct explanation. In most instances, the pains are of emotional origin and the monthly cycle is inaccurate. Moreover, when it has been possible to determine their emotional cause and so to remove any fear of a physical cause, the symptoms usually disappear, no matter whether menstruation has begun or not.

In boys, the first sign of puberty is enlargement of the scrotum and testicles. This is followed by the appearance of pubic and facial hair, and then by growth of the penis. Deepening of the voice is very gradual; it begins when growth of the penis is nearly complete and does not finish until adolescence is almost over.

In about one third of all boys, there is temporary enlargement of the breasts during adolescent development. This is the result of a temporary increase in oestrogens, which are formed in the male as well as in the female. When such breast enlargement occurs it is usually during the middle of adolescence and it lasts for one to two years.

After a child has reached two years of age, it is possible to predict fairly accurately the ultimate height he is likely to achieve. This is determined from the child's present height and, if necessary, an X-ray of the hand and wrist for bone growth. Prior to the age of two years the growth of the infant relates closely to maternal factors so that it is not until then that a child gets on to his own growth track as it were.

Predictions of ultimate height have a practical value if an individual's future occupation will be determined by height, as in the case of jockeys and ballerinas. It has been possible to dissuade girls from taking up ballet if their ultimate height will bar them from practising their art. If a girl is likely to be so tall as to be embarrassed by her height, it is possible for her to be given small doses of oestrogens in order to stop bone growth at an earlier age than would otherwise have occurred.

Hugh Jolly

Dr Jolly regrets that he is unable to enter into correspondence.

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It is a sensible move, since it helps to dispel the last lingering feeling among the Hollywood old guard that Filmex was somehow against Hollywood rather than for it, a Trojan Horse bringing the enemy fight into the last stronghold. Since there is no longer any ignoring the existence of cinema outside Hollywood, it seems like a good idea to take a look at the competition and, on the old principle of "if you can't beat 'em, enroll 'em", graciously welcome the best and most commercially viable to the club.

Admittedly the show of Experimental Underground films by Southern California film-makers might well daunt anyone who felt that cinema in 1974 was mainly about Robert *Redford* and Barbra Streisand. But at least the computer graphics of John Whitney, the minimal films of Morgan Fisher and Pat O'Neill's films derived from contact-printer images are mercifully brief (many of them under five minutes), while underground classics like Stan Vanderbeek are, in their own small world, as established as many of the big names of *Hollywood*. Considerably more approachable are two of the festival's feature discoveries from this sector of film-making, *Sing Sing Thanksgiving* and *Dark Star*. *Sing Sing Thanksgiving* is a documentary made about and partly by inmates in Sing Sing prison during a period which climaxed with the famous concert given there by Joan Baez, B. B. King and others on Thanksgiving, 1972. The two directors, Harry Wiland and David Hoffman, worked in the prison for some weeks before the concert, filming and teaching, and the film's black-and-white footage was shot by their prisoner-pupils; the whole film is vivid and unsentimental, creative interpretation of reality in the best documentary tradition.

Dark Star is very different. Its producer/director/writer John Carpenter and his co-writer/editor/star Dan O'Bannon shot a lot of the film as part of their studies in the Cinema Division of the University of Southern California; it was taken up and completion money advanced by a commercial distributor, and it gives a very good idea of what film students are up to and capable of these days. It is science fiction in the form of a strange anarchic black farce shot entirely in tiny, highly imaginative sets designed by the versatile Mr O'Bannon. A couple of centuries from now, in the insupportable boredom of infinity, astronauts play games to fill up the time and wait for word from Commander Powell (God? Godot? Walt Disney?) who is in suspended animation on ice. There are, inevitably, echoes of *Doctor Strangelove* and *2001*, but the film manages to transcend and escape the comparison: it is pleasingly, light-heartedly absurd.

In this ambiguous combination it resembles both the festival's major coups. Though the understandable desire of film-makers to save their major works for Cannes has balked Filmex of new films by Pasolini, Antonioni, Bresson, Ken Russell and others, they have got Alexandro Jodorowsky's *The Holy Mountain* and Paul Morrissey's *Flesh for Frankenstein*. The Jodorowsky is very much in the tradition of his earlier, carefully nurtured "underground" hit *El Topo*. Like that, it is a quest film about a search for immortality, stunningly designed and photographed, mystically woolly in its thinking, sometimes just silly and over-extended, even after Jodorowsky has removed an hour or so from his first cut, and yet overall strangely compulsive.

Morrissey's move back to 3-D: Joe Dallessandro and Monique Van Vooren in Flesh for Frankenstein

Flesh for Frankenstein provides the festival's only real splash of old-world showbiz excitement. Made and shown in 3-D, still eyeriring but spectacularly improved since *House of Wax* days, it was screened at midnight on Oscar night and brought in an audience scattered with celebrities. Though Monique Van Vooren, one of the stars, said in introduction that the main problem about making the film was keeping a straight face, it is not quite the sort of self-indulgent camp one might suppose. In its own irresistibly trashy way it sends up the whole genre but at the same time really works within it, because it comes from true love. Where even *The Three Musketeers*, for all its splendours, is a trifle rigid and lacks true unselfconscious gusto, *Flesh for Frankenstein* plunges gleefully in, up to the elbows in blood and guts. It could do, at least in the version shown here, with a little more sex, but like Paul Morrissey's major films *Flesh* and *Trash* it retains, for all its weird subject-matter, a beguiling innocence and charm.

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University of Nottingham

MEDICAL SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

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University of Bristol

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PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

University of Glasgow

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Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

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Department of Linguistics

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of London

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AND SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION

The Council invites applications for appointment as CHIEF EXAMINER in the G.C.E. examination in Alternative Ordinary HISTORY from Jan. 1976.

The Council has recently approved this new level of examination. The Alternative Ordinary syllabus in History is designed to encourage a study of historical methods and sources and includes a thematic content.

Applicants should be graduates and should be between the ages of 25 and [illegible] with a minimum of three years post teaching experience; experience in G.C.E. examining would be an advantage.

Application forms and particulars of remuneration, conditions of appointment and duties may be obtained from the Secretary to the University Entrance and School Examinations Council, University of London, Stewart House, 32 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DN, to whom completed applications should be returned not later than 31 May 1974. Applicants should also send the note and enclose a self-addressed foolscap envelope.

University College Dublin

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Further information and details of application procedure may be obtained from:
Mr J. P. Maddick,
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University College Dublin,
Administration Building,
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Dublin 4.

Latest date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 24th May 1974.

University of Warwick

CO-ORDINATOR OF THE EDUCATION CENTRE

Applications are invited for the post of Co-ordinator of the Education Centre which will form part of the Department of Education in the University. The Centre is being established to promote closer working relationships between the University, schools and teachers, and the Co-ordinator will be responsible for the administrative arrangements relating to these activities. The person appointed will also be expected to contribute to the teaching of the Centre, so far as other duties allow. Candidates should be academically qualified, with administrative interest and experience. Teaching interests in the area of educational research methods, educational administration or other relevant fields would be an advantage. The appointment is tenable from 1st January 1975 and will be on the Lecturer scale £2,118—£4,896 p.a., with FSSU. Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, quoting Ref. No. 35/Q/74. Closing date for receipt of applications is 24th May, 1974.

University of Kent at Canterbury

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
CHAIR OF HISTORY

One of the University's two established chairs of History will become vacant from 1 October, 1974, when the present holder, Professor F. S. L. Lyons, takes up his appointment as Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.

The intention is to make an appointment in one of the areas of History represented within the Faculty, i.e. medieval, early modern and modern British and European History, Colonial History, and the History of the United States. The University now invites applications from suitably qualified candidates. Further particulars and forms of application may be obtained from The Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Humanities, The Registry, The University, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 7NZ, to whom completed applications should be received not later than Friday, 17 May, 1974. Please quote reference A72/74.

University of London King's College

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

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Application forms and conditions of appointment are available from the Registrar, University of London King's College, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS and should be returned to him by 27th May 1974. Quoting reference T175.

The University of Leeds

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University College of North Wales

BANGOR

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Department of Physics

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Edinburgh

Department of Mechanical Engineering

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

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Starting salary will depend upon qualifications and experience, within the range £1,929 (under review with F.S.S.U.) [illegible] possible for the successful candidate to register for a higher degree.

Further particulars may be obtained from Dr. I. W. Rennie, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Edinburgh, Mayfield Road, Edinburgh, EH9 3JL, to whom applications, together with the names of two referees should be sent before 24th May, 1974. Please quote reference 2042.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The Appointments Committee of the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages intend to appoint a University Lecturer in the Department of Italian to hold office from 1 October 1974 or as soon thereafter as possible. The appointment will be subject to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University and for three years in the first instance, with the possibility of reappointment to the retiring age.

Stipends are under review. The proposed pensionable stipend of a University Lecturer is £3,108, rising by 12 annual increments to £5,211. (There is no grade of Senior Lecturer).

Candidates should send ten copies of their application, together with the names of two or more referees to the Secretary of the Appointments Committee, Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge, before 22 May, 1974.

The Queen's University of Belfast

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The University of Warwick

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University College Cardiff

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CHAIR OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

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Applications, together with details of academic background and names of two referees, should be received not later than 30th May, 1974, by the Registrar, The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX. Quote ref. BV/T/276001.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated this 26th day of April, 1974.
D. W. HAWKINS,
Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948 and In the Matter of STRATUM CENTRAL HEATING (HOLDINGS) Limited STRATUM CENTRAL HEATING (CHERTSEY) Limited STRATUM CENTRAL HEATING (WEST) Limited STRATUM CENTRAL HEATING (HIGH WYCOMBE) Limited CRAMAC SERVICES Limited DISPOSAL SUPPLIES Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)
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Dated this 23rd day of April, 1974.
O. N. MARTIN,
Liquidator.

WILLIAM GORDON MACMILLAN
A PETITION has been presented to the Court of Session by Mrs. Gillian Florence Menzies Macmillan or Kinkead and Miss Pauline Marianne Hermes Macmillan for presumption of the death of William Gordon Macmillan, formerly of 72 Falcon Avenue, Edinburgh in terms of the Presumption of Life Limitation (Scotland) Act, 1891. On 16th April 1974 the Vacation Judge made an order for intimation, service and advertisement of the Petition and allowance all parties claiming interest to lodge Answers thereto, if so advised, within 14 days after such intimation, service and advertisement.
Of all which intimation is hereby given.
DUNDAS & WILSON, C.S.,
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M. A. JORDAN, F.C.A.
Joint Liquidators

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By Order of the Board
D. S. MITCHELL
Director.

No. 1916of of 1973
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE In the Matter of TRANE HAULAGE COMPANY Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948
I, George Thomas Ehlers, Chartered Accountant of 16, Oakfield Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2AP, hereby give notice that I have been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of Trane Haulage Company Limited by Order of the Court dated the 11th January, 1974.
Dated this 26th day of April, 1974
G. T. EHLERS.

Law Report April 30 1974 — Court of Appeal

Failure to supply specimen no refusal

Regina v Tarlor

Before Lord Justice James, Mr Justice Mocatta and Mr Justice Michael Davies

When a motorist agreed to provide a specimen of blood for a laboratory test but the police surgeon could not succeed in his attempts to obtain one and ceased trying because he was causing undue pain and discomfort, the motorist could not be said to have refused to provide the specimen. Therefore it could not be said that he failed "without reasonable excuse to provide a laboratory test specimen within section 9 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972—even though he refused to provide a urine specimen—and the judge should not have directed the jury to convict him.

Their Lordships allowed an appeal by Thomas Taylor, aged 61, an electrical contractor, of Wandsworth, from his conviction at Kingston Crown Court (Judge Corcoran) last December on a count of contravening section 9 (3) in December, 1972. He had been fined £50 and disqualified for three years.

Section 9 provides: "(3) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to provide a specimen for a laboratory test in pursuance of a requirement imposed under this section shall be guilty of an offence. . . . (5) A person shall not be treated for the purposes of subsection (3) . . . as failing to provide a specimen unless (a) he is first requested to provide a specimen of blood, but refuses to do so; (b) he is then requested to provide two specimens of urine within one hour of the request, but fails to provide them within the hour or refuses at any time within the hour to provide them; and (c) he is again requested to provide a specimen of blood, but refuses to do so."

Mr John W. Haines for the appellant; Mr Anthony Bate for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MICHAEL DAVIES said that it was not in dispute that all the necessary statutory procedures and formalities had been complied with up to the time when the appellant was requested to provide a specimen for a laboratory test of a sample of blood or urine. He was asked to provide a specimen of blood. He agreed to do so.

A doctor was called and after making unsuccessful attempts to extract a specimen from the appellant's arm and thumb he was of the opinion that he could not obtain a sufficient amount of blood for analysis without causing the appellant considerable discomfort. The police then requested the appellant to provide a sample of urine, using the correct formula about which there was no dispute. The appellant in answer said: "No, I offered blood. Let's be fair. You're sucking me about, my arm's sore." That was rightly treated as a refusal, which was without reasonable excuse. The police then requested him to provide a specimen of blood. He agreed, saying: "Certainly, but you have already tried." The doctor intervened and said that he could not extract a sample of blood from the appellant without causing him considerable discomfort.

The appellant submitted that there was no case to answer. The submission was rejected, and the jury were directed to convict.

Mr Haines's submissions on appeal were simple and cogent. He said that section 9(3) was directly related to section 9(3), under which the appellant was charged, and he was not in breach of subsection (5) (a) because he did not refuse to provide a blood specimen. Mr Haines's primary contention was that the case stopped there.

He went on to say that, in any event, accepting that the appellant was then asked for urine and refused, he was entitled to rely on the fact that the police officer, correctly under subsection (5) (c), requested the appellant to provide a specimen of blood which he again agreed to provide and there was an absence of refusal by him.

Mr Bate submitted that subsection (5) was merely procedural and that the present case was one of refusal but of non-compliance, an expression which, although it had been used in appropriate circumstances in earlier reported cases, did not find itself in section 9.

Nothing in *R v Paduch* ([1977] 1 WLR 1548) required the court to ignore what appeared to be both the simple and straightforward and the correct construction of section 9(3) and (5). Nothing in *R v Hyams* ([1973] 1 WLR 13) bore on the problem posed by the instant case.

Counsel submitted that the conviction was correctly obtained and that, so long as the appellant had been treated fairly, it was immaterial that what he submitted were purely procedures were not complied with. On the agreed facts and looking at the plain words of the statute their Lordships were unable to agree, and accepted the submissions made by Mr Haines.

Mr Bueno sought to persuade the court that acceptance of those submissions would involve a substantial number of cases in which an accused motorist would be acquitted on an unmeritorious defence. Their Lordships were far from being persuaded that that was the situation. Be that as it may, Mr Haines's submissions were well founded.

The appellant did not refuse to provide a specimen of blood and accordingly he was not, by the words of section 9(3) and (5), to be treated as failing to provide a specimen. Accordingly the submission made to the trial judge that there was no case to answer should have been accepted.

The conviction was wrong in law and would be quashed.

Solicitors: Hart, Scales & Hodges, Dorking; Wommer & Sons.

Mr Keith Simpson, for the applicant in *R v Lambeth Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate* (April 30, 1974), did not appear below.

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By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

M Roger Peyrefitte, the best-selling French author, sold his coin collection, a sideline indulged in for his own pleasure, for almost £600,000 in Paris yesterday. The auctioneers, Ader et Picard, had been expecting roughly half that figure although the widespread interest in the sale during the past week had led them to increase their estimate from three million to four million francs.

The collection comprised 134 Greek coins, 30 Roman coins and 57 assorted *objets de curiosité*, mainly of Classical origin. The top price was 312,000 francs (£29,000) with tax for a silver Syracuse decadrachm, engraved by Kimon and dating from around 413 BC. The price comfortably establishes a new auction record for a Classical coin. It is decorated with the head of the nymph Arethusa surrounded by dolphins; the reverse shows a galloping four-horse chariot.

Other high prices included 172,000 francs (£15,200) for a Carthage trihemiter in electrum dating from the beginning of the third century BC. 156,000 francs (£14,500) for a Carthage gold trihemistater of around 260 BC and 155,000 francs (£14,400) for a gold octodrachm of Berenice II, wife of Ptolemy IV, the Greek king of Egypt, dating from around 210 BC. Among the curiosities was a gold laurel wreath from Macedonia dating from the third century BC. It realized 46,000 francs (£4,200).

An imminent announcement is expected in the art market of another investment group in pursuit of an old family firm. This time it is the Bond Street furniture dealers, H. Blairman and Sons, specialists in eighteenth century and Regency furniture. They are believed to be merging with the Lampl Fine Arts group which already owns the Oriental dealer, Hugh Moss.

Science report

Cytology: Hammering mutations

Norwegian scientists have discovered that shock waves can alter the development of young plants. Writing in *Nature*, they describe how they induced normal strains of an alga to mimic genetic mutations by subjecting them to mechanical shock on the end of a sledgehammer. If shock waves (perhaps generated in a more conventional manner) affect higher plants in the same way, it raises the interesting possibility of producing new types without selective breeding.

The researchers, Dr E. Bryhni, Dr A. Bjald and Dr A. Lovlie, of Oslo University, grew newly fertilized cells of a green alga, *Ulva mutabilis* and attached the slide containing them to one end of a sledgehammer. They struck the other end against an anvil, removed the slide and grew plants from the cells to see if the shock had altered them.

A normal alga grows in a characteristic way. First, it forms a filament about 16 cells long. Then it flattens into a sheet at one end while the other forms a root-like holdfast. But not all young algae follow that pattern, and genetic mutations are known to develop differently. The Norwegian team found that the algae exposed to shock often went on to develop like those mutant strains even though they came from perfectly normal parent stock. Not all the slides were affected but on those that were each of the hundreds of tiny cells was influenced in the same way and produced identical plants. It was clearly an "all or nothing" reaction.

In their first experiment four slides gave normal plants, two gave plants that did not form a proper filament, and five gave plants that passed the filamentous stage but could not produce holdfasts. Many other experiments gave similar results and the two types of abnormal plants were recorded repeatedly.

A blow with a sledgehammer is not the most easily controlled way of inducing mechanical shock. Dr Bryhni and his colleagues realized. But it was the only method that worked.

Indeed, they could produce results with only one sledgehammer. From that they conclude that there was something peculiar about it that produced shock waves of a particular kind. Unfortunately, this hammer was made by the Municipal Tramcar Company in Oslo about 50 years ago and no more examples are known. The Norwegian scientists hope that their work will stimulate other researchers to try to achieve the effect in more controlled conditions.

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From The Times of Saturday April 30, 1949

By Our Architectural Correspondent

An important stage in the construction of the London County Council's concert hall on the south bank will be reached next Tuesday when the Council is to be asked to accept tenders for the work. The designs for the building, which are the work of the Council's architect, Mr Robert Matthew and Dr J. L. Martin, were made public yesterday. The cost is estimated at just under £2m.

The concert hall is the only permanent building that will be erected on the South Bank site in time for the 1951 Festival. After that, when the temporary exhibition buildings have been cleared away, work will also be started on the National Theatre.

Law Society

The Law Society announces that the following candidates were successful in Part Two of the Qualifying Examination held on February 11, 12, 13, 14.

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More toleration should have been shown towards intellectuals

(With authorization of Time Magazine, *exclusive to* The Times.)

After we exploded our first atomic bomb (in 1949), the bourgeois press started howling like a pack of mad dogs about how the Russians must have got their A-bomb from nuclear scientist *Pyotr Kapitsa* because he was the only physicist capable of developing the bomb. Stalin was outraged. He said Kapitsa had absolutely nothing to do with the bomb, and I believe that was the truth. After Stalin's death, we had mixed feelings about Kapitsa. On the one hand we recognized him as a world renowned scientist. On the other, he hadn't even helped us develop our atomic bomb before the Americans built theirs.

Kapitsa refused to touch any military research. He even tried to persuade me that he couldn't undertake military work out of some sort of moral principle. I asked him, "Comrade Kapitsa, why won't you work on something of military significance? We badly need you to work on our defence programme." To the best of my recollection, he answered, "I'm a scientist, and scientists are like artists. They want other people to talk about their work, to make movies about it, to write articles about it in the newspapers. The trouble with military topics is that they're all secret. If a scientist does research in defence problems he has to bury himself behind the walls of an institute and never be heard of again. His name disappears from print. I don't want that to happen to me. I want to be famous. I want other people to write and talk about my work."

I must admit that this line of reasoning made a strange impression on me—one not at all favourable to Academician Kapitsa.

"Comrade Kapitsa", I said, "what choice do we have? We're forced to concentrate on military matters. As long as there are antagonistic classes and anta[illegible]stic states with [illegible] armies, w[illegible]ply must push ahead wi[illegible]ence research. Otherwise [illegible] be choked to death, sma[illegible] to pieces, trampled in the [illegible]

"Not I[illegible] refuse to have anything [illegible] with military matters", [illegible]plied.

How cou[illegible] Soviet citizen say such a [illegible]? A man who lived throu[illegible] Second World War and se[illegible] that our people had suffere[illegible] the hands of Hitler. If he [illegible] made the same speech to [illegible], you can be sure Stalin [illegible] have drawn a very differe[illegible]onclusion from the one I [illegible], although I admit I was [illegible]

Then Ka[illegible] expressed a desire to go [illegible]d. I could tell he wanted t[illegible]ess to raise a lot of hoopla [illegible]t his travelling to other c[illegible]ies.

We deliber[illegible] the matter in the leadersh[illegible] decided to wait a whil[illegible] are sending Kapitsa abro[illegible] not accumulat[illegible] weapons. Th[illegible] essential that [illegible] from our ene[illegible] information [illegible] them off abo[illegible] had.

We knew t[illegible] many friends a[illegible] the West, and [illegible] that, if we le[illegible] trip, he might [illegible] here. By his own admission, [illegible] actor who love[illegible] he might have [illegible] resist saying so[illegible] enhance his own [illegible] perfectly commo[illegible]ness, and I'm [illegible] him for it. But [illegible] the Council of M[illegible] duty to be espe[illegible]. However, I have [illegible] another reason [illegible]itsa permission [illegible] that Stalin was [illegible] inside me. Keep[illegible] worked under S[illegible] and years, and [illegible] yourself from ha[illegible] It takes time to [illegible]scious of your [illegible] and free yourself [illegible]

This is my co[illegible] that I've told the [illegible] I've done pena[illegible] people might [illegible] say [illegible] Khrushchev was cold-hear[illegible] to Academician Kapitsa, [illegible]an who contributed so much [illegible] Soviet science'. Well, I'm on[illegible] human, and I ask the people [illegible] forgive me for the errors [illegible]'ve made. Kapitsa, too, is [illegible]nly human, and he made a [illegible]istake by refusing to work o[illegible]military problems. My mistake [illegible]as in refusing to let him go [illegible]broad. So, as people used to [illegible] when I was a child, we can [illegible]ll it quits. I now ask Academi[illegible]an Kapitsa, whom I've alw[illegible] respected as a great scientis[illegible] to forgive me.

I wou[illegible] like to compare Kapitsa wit[illegible] another of our most brilliant [illegible]nuclear physicists, *Academi[illegible]an Andrei Sakharov.* He, too, [illegible]d misgivings about military [illegible]search. I used to meet freq[illegible]ently with Sakharov, and I c[illegible]sidered him an extremely [illegible]ented and impressive man.

Literal[illegible] a day or two before the resum[illegible]ion of our [hydrogen bomb] testing programme, I got a [illegible]elephone call from Academi[illegible] Sakharov. He addressed m[illegible] in my capacity as the Chairm[illegible] of the Council of Ministers, [illegible]d said he had a petition to [illegible]resent. The petition called on [illegible]ur government to cancel the [illegible]cheduled explosion and not to [illegible]ngage in any further testing [illegible]t least not of the hydrogen bomb: 'As a scientist and as the designer of the hydrogen bomb, I know what harm these explosions can bring down on the head of mankind.'

"Comrade Sakharov", I said, "you must understand my position. My re[illegible]sibilities do not allow me [illegible] cancel the tests. Our Pa[illegible] government have already made abundantly clear that we [illegible]d like nothing better than [illegible] suspend nuclear testing for ev[illegible]. Our leadership has already [illegible]laterally discontinued nuclear testing and called on the [illegible]nited States and other countries [illegible] to follow our example for [illegible]e good of all mankind. B[illegible] we got no answer. [illegible] Americans wouldn't listen [illegible] to our proposals. As a scie[illegible]ist, surely you know that they[illegible] gone right on conducting the [illegible] tests. If we don't test our [illegible]n bombs, how will we know whether they work or not?'

He was not satisfied. He still insisted that we not resume our own testing.

I wanted to be absolutely frank with him: "Comrade Sakharov, believe me, I deeply sympathize with your point of view. But as the man responsible for the security of our country I have no right to do what you're asking. For me to cancel the tests would be a crime against our state. I'm sure you know what kind of suffering was inflicted on our people during World War II. We can't risk the lives of our people again by giving our adversary a free hand to develop new means of destruction. Can't you understand that?"

My arguments didn't change his mind, and his didn't change mine; but that was to be expected. On the one hand, he had wanted to help his country defend itself against imperialist aggression. On the other hand, once he'd made it possible for us to develop the bomb, he was afraid of seeing it put to use. I think perhaps he was afraid of having his name associated with the possible implementation of the bomb. In other words, the scientist in him saw his patriotic duty and performed it well, while the pacifist in him made him hesitate. I have nothing against pacifists—or at least I won't have anything against them if and when we create conditions which make war impossible. But as long as we live in a world in which we have to keep both eyes open lest the imperialists gobble us up, then pacifism is a dangerous sentiment.

This conflict between Sakharov and me left a lasting imprint on us both. I took it as evidence that he didn't fully understand what was in the best interests of the state, and therefore from that moment on I was somewhat on my guard with him. I hope that the time will come when Comrade Sakharov will see the correctness of my position—if not now, then some time in the future.

Despite such disagreements with some scientists, I believe that by the very nature of its activity the technological intelligentsia does not interfere in the more complicated spheres of social life, namely in ideology. A more difficult and slippery problem is posed by the creative intelligentsia. Our creative intelligentsia suffers more than any other category of people in our society. Materially, they're better off than other categories, but spiritually, members of the creative intelligentsia are very troubled.

Creative work, especially by writers, has a tendency to interfere in the political sphere because it is part of the artistic process to analyze relations among people, including relations between those in power on the one hand and common workers on the other. Writers are forever delving into questions of philosophy and ideology—questions on which any ruling party, including the Communist Party, would like to have a monopoly.

After Stalin's death *Pasternak* wrote *Doctor Zhivago* and tried to get it published. There was a terrific commotion about this novel and how to handle it. I was informed and had an opportunity to influence the decision of whether or not to publish it—which boiled down to a question whether or not to accept the advice of someone who was reporting to us—but I failed to act. I have firm grounds for saying that if I had influenced the decision (by coming out in favour of publication), I would have been supported. But I did nothing, and now I regret it.

Pasternak worked hard on *Doctor Zhivago.* The manuscript found its way abroad, where it was published and caused a stir. It obtained recognition and was awarded the Nobel Prize, though I cannot say to what extent this work deserved it. Anyway, Pasternak was chosen to be a Nobel Prize laureate, while here (in the Soviet Union) there were administrative measures. When dealing with creative minds, administrative measures are always most destructive and non-progressive. His book was put into cold storage; it was banned. The decision to use police methods put a whole different coloration on the affair and left a bad aftertaste for a long time to come. People raised a storm of protest against the Soviet Union for not allowing Pasternak to go abroad to receive the prize.

I said, 'Let's go ahead and publish the book so that Pasternak will be able to go abroad and pick up his award. We'll give him a passport and some hard currency to make the trip.'

Then quite unexpectedly Pasternak let it be known through a statement in the newspapers that he had no intention of going abroad and that he wasn't even going to raise the question.

To this day I haven't read his book and therefore can't judge it. People who've spoken to me about it say they don't have any special admiration for the artistic aspect of the work, but that's beside the point. To judge an author and to judge his work are two different matters. If the book was really of low artistic quality, then that judgment should be left up to the reader. Readers should be given a chance to make their own judgments; and administrative measures shouldn't be used. A sentence should not be pronounced over our creative intellectuals as though they were on trial.

In connexion with *Doctor Zhivago*, some might say it's too late for me to say that I regret the book wasn't published. Yes, maybe it is too late. But better late than never.

As for *Yevtushenko*, I haven't read all of his poems, but I like many of the ones I have read. He wrote an effective poem about the attitude of the Russian people toward war, which was set to music and turned into a song entitled 'Do the Russians Want War?'

I do not know why his songs are not performed more today. Some people criticize his song about war, saying he rejects war and morally disarms our soldiers. I do not agree. I think it is an excellent poem. It says that we Russians do not want war but at the same time warns that if forced to fight we will not hesitate to deal a deadly counterblow.

In general I consider Yevtushenko a talented poet and good man. Of course he has a wild, ungovernable, even violent streak in his character, but he's ungovernable only from an administrative point of view. In other words he doesn't always fit into the framework set by a censor—to put it crudely, the framework set by those who would like him to smooth down his work a little bit around the edges.

What a bore it would be if everybody wrote in exactly the same way, if everybody used the same arguments. There would be no room for creativity, no room for a writer to develop his talent and sharpen his style. It would be like two people speaking into a tube, one saying something from one end and the other repeating the same thing from the other end. If there's too much monotonous cud-chewing in literature, it will make a reader throw up.

In general I think we should be more tolerant and extend wider opportunities to our creative intelligentsia. While personally I'm against the new schools of painting, sculpture and music, that doesn't mean I see any need for resorting to administrative and police measures.

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Tomorrow: Memories of Mr Nixon, and the United Nations.

Khrushchev describes the plight of the intellectuals in Soviet society, and deals in this excerpt with the attitudes taken by Yevtushenko, Pasternak, and the two atomic scientists Kapitsa and Sakharov, pictured above.

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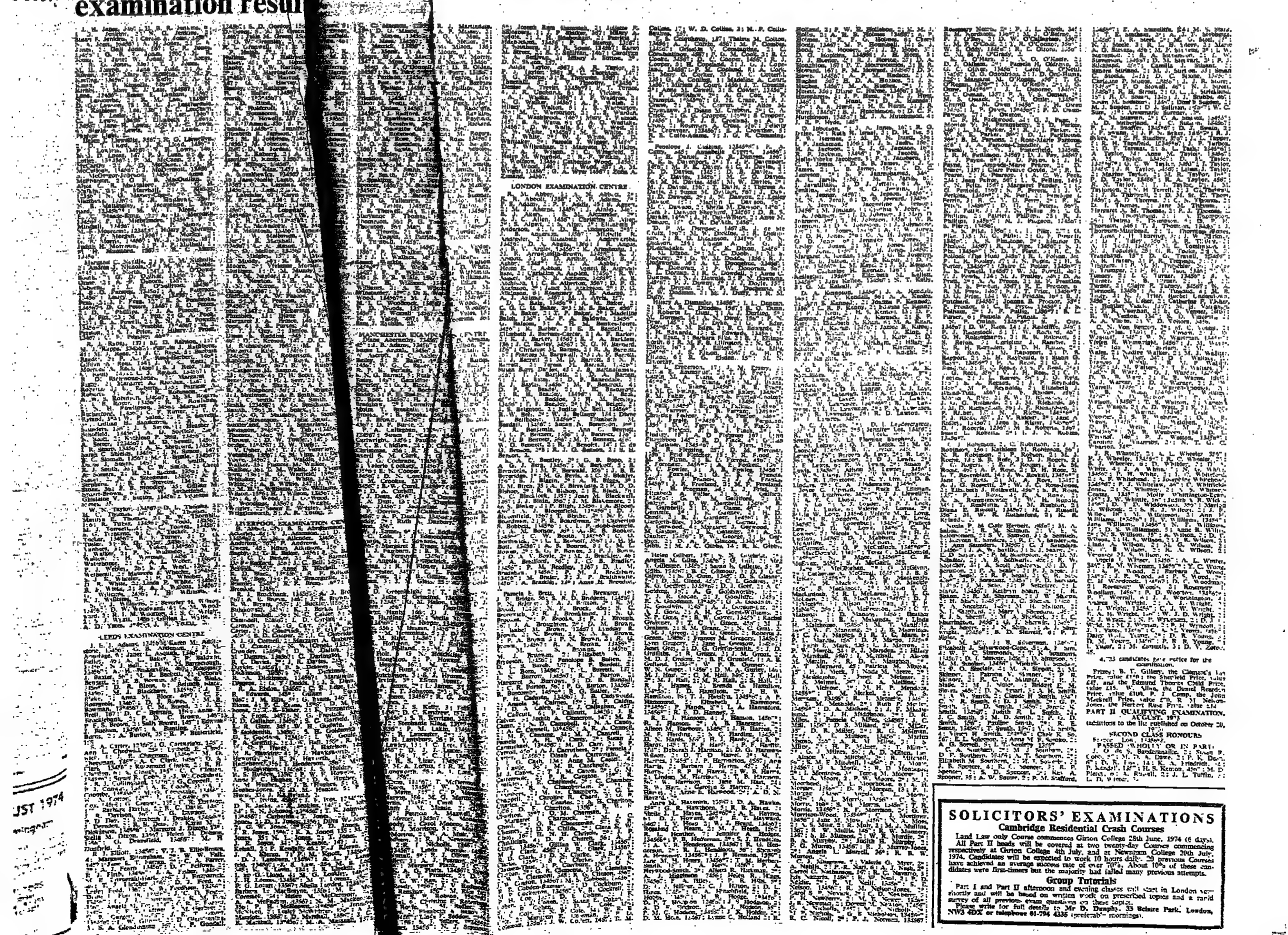

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A discussion paper on inflation, by William Rees-Mogg

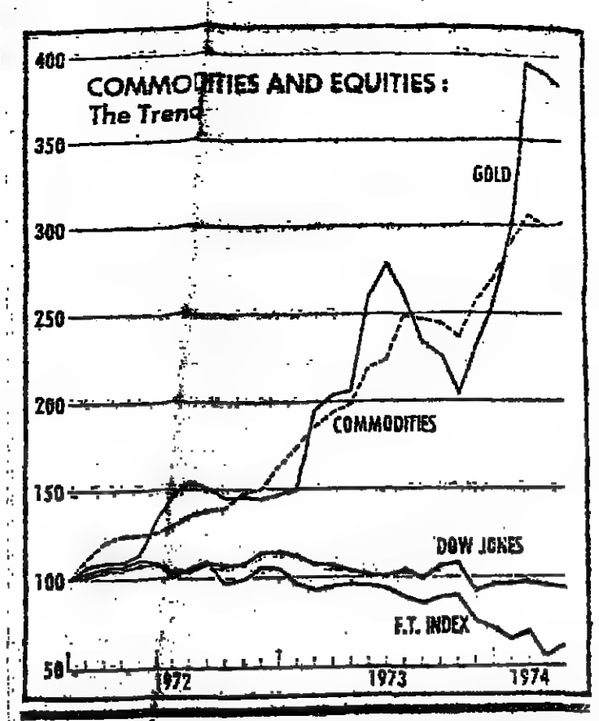
Crisis of paper currencies: Has the time come for Britain to return to the gold standard?

"The final blow to confidence came on September 15 [1931] when the men of the Atlantic Fleet at Invergordon refused duty in protest against the cuts in lower-deck pay, some of which exceeded 10 per cent. The Board of Admiralty hastily promised a revision, and the more extreme cuts were in fact reduced.

It was too late. The foreign holders of sterling were in wild alarm. On 19 September the Bank of England reported that the foreign credits were exhausted. Two days later an Act suspending the gold standard was rushed through Parliament. The value of the pound fell by more than a quarter on the foreign exchange. Otherwise nothing happened. Englishmen had been using paper money for 17 years. They had forgotten the gold sovereign, and their paper pound seemed to them just as valuable as it had been before. This anticlimax took everyone by surprise. Passfield spoke for all his late colleagues [the previous Labour Government] when he complained 'Nobody told us we could do this.'"

A. J. P. Taylor. English History 1914-1945

The price stability of gold over very long periods can be shown by the case of the Macedonian stater (stater is the Greek for standard). The gold coin was minted by Philip of Macedon in the years around 350 BC and continued to be minted by his son, Alexander the Great. It had a weight of two silver drachmae and a value of 20. The Macedonian stater became the most widely circulated gold coin down to the Roman occupation of Greece. In AD 1850 the most widely circulated gold coin was the British sovereign of Queen Victoria. By that time the gold content of the Macedonian stater was worth £1 3s 8d. The silver content of 20 Macedonian drachmae was worth 16s 3d. That represents an appreciation of gold relative to silver of 44 per cent in 2,200 years, or an appreciation at simple interest of 2 per cent per century.



Could we be in this position once again, but in reverse? Is it possible that just as the chronic deflationary disease of the early 1930s was relieved by abandoning the gold standard—a gold standard fixed at too high a rate for the pound—so the chronic inflationary disease of the mid-1970s could be relieved by returning to the gold standard—but to a gold standard fixed at a realistic and competitive rate for the pound?

Certainly this is one of those things which nobody tells us we could do. It is an option almost unmentioned among the world's leading academic economists, our leading central bankers, or our Treasury officials. There is discussion of almost every kind of floating or fixed paper system—nothing is so bizarre it has not been suggested—but there is little or no discussion outside France of the implications for gold of the progressive failure of all the paper systems.

A gold standard simply involves the free convertibility of a currency or currencies into gold at a fixed price. No price is eternal, but once the price is fixed it becomes the chief aim of economic policy to maintain it, not as a fetish but as the axle of the economy. Such an arrangement is to some extent self regulating; a strong currency attracts gold deposits which expand the credit base and increase economic activity, including imports, while a weak currency loses gold, with a consequent reduction in the credit base, a rise in interest rates, and a fall in activity and imports. Of course to return to a gold standard, or to the more flexible gold exchange system, there have to be adequate reserves, a maintainable price for the currency, and at least international cooperation.

In managed paper currencies there is a natural conflict between short-term and long-term expediency. Long-term expediency puts a high premium on the maintenance of the value of the currency; in order to maintain its value it should be managed so as to be relatively scarce. Short-term expediency requires that the economy should be in a state of boom or near boom, and that interest rates should be as low as possible. At any given moment short-term advantage requires that the money supply should be increased, though the longer-term effect of increasing the money supply is to raise prices, and, as we now see, in the longer run expanding the money supply leads through higher prices to higher and not lower interest rates.

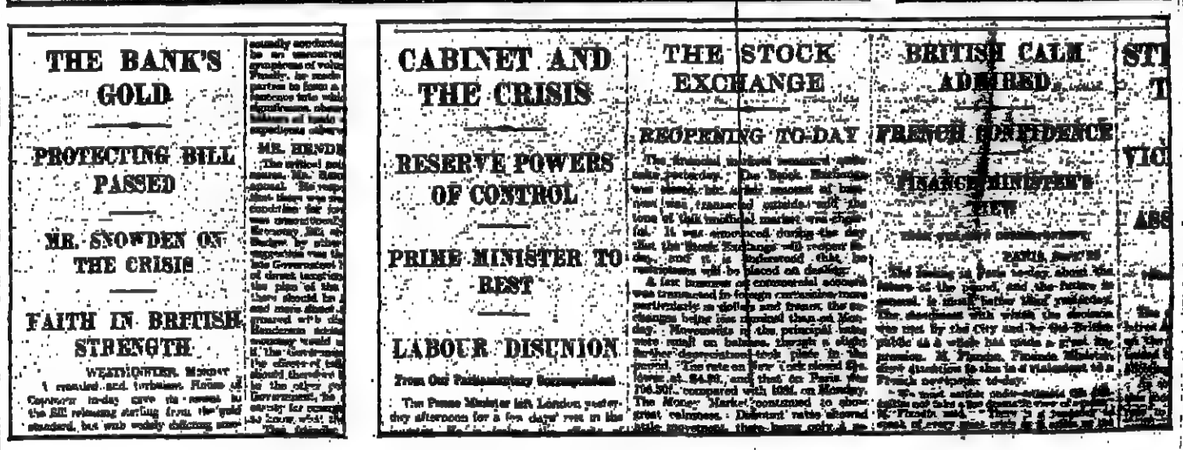
In a democracy, with elections occurring frequently and regularly, there is always a powerful pressure for short term expediency. Economic management is subordinated to the need to win elections; some critics consider it is being so subordinated now; it certainly was so subordinated in every election since 1955, with the exception only of 1970 which was lost by the Government of the day. Perhaps 1974 is a special case; the money supply was increased irresponsibly earlier in the Parliament, but the election, also lost, was fought by the Government on the issue of inflation.

Before 1931 it was forecast by the advocates of the gold standard that democracies with managed currencies would be persistently and destructively inflationary. For instance, in January, 1925, Montagu Norman, then Governor of the Bank of England, told Benjamin Strong, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, that a continuation of floating exchange rates would be "an incentive to governments at times to undertake various types of paper money expedients and inflation . . . after some attempt at some other mechanism for the regulation of credit and prices, some kind of monetary crisis would finally result in ultimately restoring gold to its former position, but only after a period of hardship and suffering, and possibly some social and political disorder".

Why, one may ask, has it taken 50 years for this forecast to look as though it were coming true? The chief reason is that a gold-dollar standard covered most of those 50 years, if imperfectly. Within a couple of years after 1931, which was a period of acute world deflation, there was informal and then formal stabilization between the pound and the dollar.

After Bretton Woods and until 1971, when the dollar was declared formally inconvertible in order to halt the drain on the US gold reserves, Britain and the other members of the International Monetary Fund were on a gold exchange standard; their currencies had a fixed relationship with the dollar and the dollar had a fixed and convertible relationship with gold. Thus Britain, apart from a short period after 1931, remained on the gold standard, though with devaluation at lengthy intervals, and only at second hand through the dollar. Since 1968 there has been a free market in gold and the dollar's convertibility into gold has been theoretical rather than real.

The period of the dollar exchange standard also benefited from the continuation of the confidence in currencies that the astonishing success of the sterling gold standard had established in the nineteenth century. Between the Napoleonic war and the First World War, with full gold convertibility for much the greater part of that time, the purchasing power of the pound was virtually constant or gradually strengthening. A loaf cost 10.2d in 1820; 5.1d in 1895; long term interest rates were 4½ per cent in 1820; 3 per cent in 1910; yet there had been a rise in real standards of living, the index of money wages came to 110 in 1820; 181 in 1906. After a century of stable money, healthy economic habits had been formed which even now have not wholly been destroyed, habits of thrift, habits of investment in government securities, the acceptance of long term money contracts of all kinds. If you believe money to be a store of value, it will for a long time continue to be one, even if deteriorating in its reliability.



THE BANK'S GOLD

PROTECTING BILL PASSED

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PRIME MINISTER TO REST

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FRENCH CONFIDENCE

FINANCE MINISTER'S VIEW

Top: Montagu Norman—
a warning in 1925 about managed currencies.
Above: Headlines from
The Times reflect the 1931 crisis.

Since the dollar ceased to be convertible into gold, a period still only of 2½ years, the world itself has been taken off the gold standard. The results are already apparent and they are disastrous. World inflation, which is a disease of world currencies, has immensely accelerated in all the non-communist countries. The hardship and suffering have already occurred, and the social and political disorder may not be far behind.

At the same time there has been no inflation at all in prices expressed in terms of gold, if one treats gold as the only non-managed world currency. When convertibility was suspended, the free market price of gold was $43; it has risen to over $175. In other words the gold value of the dollar has fallen by 75 per cent. If one compares that with the movements of commodity prices, or even property prices, one finds that there has been a considerable degree of stability. Your London house may be worth twice what it was three years ago; so may an acre of land in Wiltshire. Yet the fine town house or the acre of good farm land are still worth much the same number of ounces of gold as they were in 1960. So indeed would be the gallon of petrol you put in your car. At a time of extreme inflation of currencies, gold has quietly provided what money is for, a stable medium of exchange and standard of value. Gold works, but paper, unless based ultimately on gold, does not. Gold is real money and paper is pretend money.

This must, after all, be true. What determines the money value of owning a painting?—that it is unique. If a Rembrandt could be infinitely reduplicated, and perfectly reduplicated—so that it was the same thing—it would have a value only equal to the cost of the reduplication process. All currency depends for its value on the belief that it will not be reduplicated. That means that a pound depends on one's belief that Mr Wilson will not add to the number of pounds in circulation; a Franc depends on the self restraint of President X; a dollar depends on the relationship between President Nixon and the Federal Reserve Board.

Paper money is only as good as the men who control it, and they are under consistent pressures to print more of it. Gold exists in limited and finite quantity, and is added to by new production in limited and reasonably predictable quantity. The value of paper money is therefore precisely the value of a politician's promise, as high or as low as you put that; the value of gold, or of a contractual right to gold, is protected by the inability of politicians to manufacture it.

Of course, in any system the base has a superstructure of credit which multiplies its effective purchasing power. A gold base, however, because it is finite, imposes its own discipline on the structure of credit which can be built on it. A paper base is capable of unlimited management, and therefore the disciplines are much weaker. Inflation is limited only when men believe there is no more money to be had; with paper money that belief is virtually impossible to create, and can never really be justified.

It is argued against the restoration of gold to a central position in the world exchange system that it would greatly benefit, or might greatly benefit, the two largest gold producers, South Africa and the Soviet Union. This is not a strong argument. The free market in gold is already providing much higher prices. There is no reason to think that greater wealth will make either South Africa or the Soviet Union less tolerable to us. Prosperity might equally well strengthen the peaceable elements in the Soviet Union and the progress of the black people of South Africa. In any case it is absurd to compare the small benefit to the Soviet Union of a higher gold price with the great benefit to world communism of the total inflationary collapse of our paper currencies.

What would be the benefit to Britain of a return to the gold standard? Ideally it should involve full internal and external convertibility into gold. Some of our problems would simply disappear. For instance, mortgage rates payable in gold, or gold backed paper, on a gold loan, would fall quite rapidly, perhaps to 5 per cent or below. House prices would be stabilized, and might even tend to decline somewhat. If new lettings in terms of a gold rent occurred, much property would be expected to come on the letting market. Gold wages would be paid, but would have to be earned in gold. Of course, it would not be customary to pay in sovereigns, but the promise to pay a pound would represent a genuine contractual commitment to pay a given amount of gold on demand. If, say, gold were fixed at £100 a fine ounce, and the currency were reorganized so that £1 new replaced £10 of existing currency, £1 new would have a gold equivalent of one-tenth ounce.

The whole problem of inflationary accounting would disappear, as depreciation would be charged in gold expenditure. For industry the combination of lower interest rates, stable prices and an end to taxation on inflationary profits would be favourable. Borrowing on world markets might probably be much less necessary, but so long as the gold clause was trusted, it would be easy to borrow at low rates of interest. Currency speculation would be discouraged but not abolished. The discipline necessary for a healthy balance of payments would be imposed by the need to protect the currency.

The broader problems of speculation, and the diversion of resources to speculation, would also be greatly reduced. Of course prices would still change; a good harvest would cheapen wheat, a strike in Chile would raise the price of copper. But gold-determined prices would not move automatically. The historic benefit of gold is that it sets a standard by which prices can be stabilized.

Obviously a gold-based currency provides a foundation for the operation of classical free market economic theory. The weakness of Mr Powell's revival of classical economics is that he prefers to base it on floating currencies: floating currencies may sometimes be unavoidable but always tend to be inflationary. A return to gold would not, however, automatically solve the problem of wage demands by monopoly trade unions, nor even obviate the need for wage restraint, though gold wages would have a stable value and that would tend to moderate wage pressures. If monopoly unions priced their labour out of the world market, they would put their members out of work.

What, then, is the price? It is no less than this. Britain would have to conduct her economic affairs with the overriding object of maintaining the value of her currency; that is to say of staying on the gold standard. We should have to give absolute priority to earning our living in the world and to living within what we could earn. We should be tearing up the full employment commitment of the 1944 White Paper, a great political and economic revolution.

This would until very recently have seemed a high price to pay; now it is no great price at all. There is little or no prospect of maintaining full employment with the present inflation, in Britain or in the world. The full employment standard became a commitment to inflation, but the inflation has now accelerated past the point at which it is compatible with full employment.

Should we do this, if necessary, alone and now? If the world would cooperate we ought to, but we are not likely to do so. What is now most likely to happen is that world inflation will continue, without serious check, until it reaches the point at which it can no longer be supported as a world phenomenon. In British political terms one can only expect that party that wins the next election to be quite ineffective in its policies towards inflation, and to be involved in ruinous inflationary consequences. If we fail to prevent further increase in the geometric progression in world inflation, the party held responsible in each country could well be out of office for 10 to 30 years, as occurred after 1931. The 1974 election showed that the floating pound and a statutory incomes policy simply does not have enough public support to protect Britain against inflation, though at least it showed a logical response to the full employment commitment.

The decisive crisis will in any case not be in Britain, now merely a weak province of a decaying currency system, but at the centre, in the United States. It may not come until the next cycle of recession and boom. Until the centre fails, the extremities may well be supported, but when the centre fails, the extremities will fall also. Politicians seldom move ahead of events, and the attempt to do so can be broken for want of public support, but events will in due course destroy the floating paper system. The refusal of the oil-producing countries to accept depreciating paper currencies at the old rate for their oil shows what happens to a currency system which cannot command confidence. After only two and a half years the pure paper system has already reached the point at which world inflation is averaging some 15 per cent in the non-communist countries. When the paper system collapses, the survivors will dig in the rubble and they will find gold.

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The Times Diary

Cut-throat competition in class

Sixth-form schoolboys took over three board rooms in the City yesterday for the finals of a money-spinning business game organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. The 259 schools which had entered the competition's opening rounds had been whittled down to three in a series of games played by post and adjudicated by computer.

The three finalists were each provided with a company headquarters in the premises of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, off Moorgate, and with hypothetical loans of £5m and market briefings to launch them in the business world.

In the first round several schools had managed to amass fortunes of £7m and more, but the rules had been changed later to simulate the "difficult market conditions" of the three-day week and price restrictions. Not unnaturally profits slumped badly.

The Taunton School business company were still in their blazers at the last stage of yesterday's game, and when I met them they were coolly taking tea and thinking of other things. They had just sacrificed their lead by taking out a larger loan to expand their capacity, but it was, I was assured, a calculated risk which could be expected to pay big dividends in the next print-out from the computer.

Their team was made up of the nine committee members of the school's Business Society, and included historians, scientists and even one artist. They had joint-chairmen, but company decisions were reached by a consensus of opinion: they had not had to resort to a boardroom ballot in the whole course of the game.

The Manchester Grammar School team, by comparison, were working in shirt-sleeves, and were spending their break poring over the balance-sheets. They did not seem as well provided with electronic calculating machines as the Tauntonians, and their assessment of their business prospects was considerably gloomier. They were particularly upset that in the closing periods of the game they were not to be allowed to change their product's price. Present restrictions, they argued, stopped people putting up prices, but not bringing them down, and they badly needed to do some price-cutting to stay in the game.

None of the Mancunians was an economist, whereas Dover College had three or four—and several members of their team had already decided on careers in business or accountancy. I was not able to meet them however as the crucial play period had recommenced and I could have been a costly distraction.

The adjudicators—volunteers from the Institute's membership—pointed out some apparent mishaps in the boardroom calculations. "All the profits here were made by the advertising agencies and banks", said one, reviewing one stage in Taunton's performance. "Dover increased their share of market by an incredible 77 per cent in the last move, but hardly made any extra profit at all", said another.

None the less the experts were reluctant to forecast the final result. (They did last year, and got it badly wrong.) "It is a series of balanced equations in a very tight situation, impossible to predict mathematically. The human element is right there. It all depends what the others do", said the adjudicators. On the whole, though, the adjudicating room opinion was that if Taunton repaid a good part of their outstanding debts from accumulated cash in the final play, they would win—and so in the event it proved. The boys went home a notional £2,556,260 and one Parker pen each the richer.

Try again

The statue of the Boy David, which has been missing from its plinth on the Chelsea Embankment since the end of last year, is to return to its rightful place at the beginning of summer. This time, instead of being on a plinth, the statue will stand on a 10ft high polished granite column—out of the reach of vandals and thieves. The statue had to be taken away for repair by the council after its sword had been stolen and its arm badly damaged.

The statue has a run-about history. The first Boy David was sculpted by Derwent Wood and placed outside St George's Hospital in memory of those who had served with the Machine Gun Corps in World War I.

In 1960 it was moved from the hospital and re-sited at Hyde Park Corner in 1963. The statue that has been on Chelsea embankment since the mid-50s was the prototype of Wood's original work. It remained there until 1969—when bronze thieves hacked it down, leaving only the feet.

The statue now under repair was built by E. Bainbridge Copnall and has a fibreglass body coated in bronze. In 1971 it was placed on the embankment next to the feet of the prototype. Beneath the feet is a bronze plaque explaining what happened to the rest of the statue.

Float off

Our interest in hot air ballooning was sparked when the editor saw some latter-day Montgolfier soaring over the Mendips, and when I heard that the balloons roaring over the Hampshire Downs were causing the sheep to drop their lambs prematurely.

Don Cameron, the doyen of Britain's hot air balloonists and manufacturer of most of the country's hot air balloons, told me that ballooning was becoming a fashionable sport. His firm, which employs 10 people, had made 110 balloons over the past seven years. This year they would be making about 50. Balloons contain up to a mile of fabric, and in some cases several miles of stitching.

A sporting balloon for two or three people costs about £1,500, and you have to get a pilot's licence to fly one. There is a short examination in navigation and air space law, and a test flight with an examiner. "It's enough to make sure you don't blunder into the controlled air space over Heathrow, but there's quite a lot of country over which you can fly quite freely", says Cameron.

The balloonists have drawn up a code of conduct with the National Farmers' Union, to avoid complaints like that which arose from the rapid rise in balloon activity outside Newbury. "One difficulty", says Cameron, "is that you can find somewhere to take off, but you can never get permission in advance to land. I always go and see the farmer when I have landed, and I haven't had any problem or difficulty over the last two years."

There was, apparently, an aesthetic argument between the hot air people, who use Propane burners to get off the ground, and the gas balloonists who fill up on hydrogen before float off. It has been killed, however, by economic realities. A balloon full of gas now costs £200 for a single trip, whereas you can heat your air for an afternoon's aeronautics for a mere £2. You can also economize by going in organized groups: one balloon Cameron made recently can carry 30 people.

Alchemy

The oldest and highest trick of the alchemists is to transmute some less expensive substance into gold or diamonds. The trick then used to be to disappear with the entrance money before the gullible audience discovered that all that glisters was not gold.

Dr Arthur Bueche is going to perform the trick for real at the Royal Institution tomorrow evening. Former diamond-making processes, when they were not fraudulent, merely produced dull industrial stones. Dr Bueche's diamond-making machine is said to create diamonds of gem quality. It holds out the prospect of finding new stronger forms of carbon—the basic stuff of diamonds—which could have astonishing physical characteristics.

Dr Bueche, in addition to being a true alchemist, is an eminent physicist and vice-president for research and development at General Electric Company of the United States.

The Royal Institution is a suitable stage for the demonstration of this process, that few British have ever had a chance to see without having their legs pulled. In it, 160 years ago, Sir Humphry Davy (the inventor of the miner's lamp) delighted fashionable London audiences by burning diamonds in oxygen, showing that they were made of carbon, just like graphite. And over 60 years ago Sir William Bragg, a former director of the Institution, first demonstrated the atomic crystal structure of diamonds.

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GETTING IT THEIR OWN WAY

Mr Foot's Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill sets about eliminating the Industrial Relations Act in a manner that should contrive to avert disabling assaults either from the Opposition or from trade unionists who may have hoped for still more. It dismantles the structure and broadly restores the state of affairs that prevailed before 1971. It is thorough, but it does not rub the triumph in by conferring any major privileges on the unions that they did not have before the Act was passed. In particular, the most controversial proposal in the outline of the Bill published last month, for giving pickets the right to stop and argue with lorry-drivers trying to cross their lines, has been dropped. The law on picketing will remain essentially as it is now, without any impairment of the powers to control intimidation that recent court cases have established. There was every prospect that this proposal would have been fiercely contested in Parliament, and Mr Foot has been prudent to put it aside.

All the aspects of the Act that the unions most detest—registration and the pressures to submit to it, the presumption that collective agreements are legally binding, the legal concept of the unfair industrial practice are to disappear. The provisions relating to unfair dismissal, which were in fact taken over from a Bill the last Labour government introduced shortly before defeat in 1970, will survive with slight modification. The 1906 prohibiting actions for tort against unions and giving immunity to persons inducing breaches of contract as a tactic in an industrial dispute will be restored and clarified.

Nor MPs on the Opposition benches will feel disposed to dispute this with much spirit. The election showed that the public did not attach the same importance to the Act as the Tory party did, whoever had won in February. A radical overhaul had become inevitable. Some of its provisions such as the cooling-off period and the compulsory ballot had been tried once with obnoxious effect. Some like the closed shops, had never been all Employers simply saw trying to gain in disturbing agreement which had much kept it from their point as well as the unions'. But blow to the Act was success of the TUC's campaign against registration and this meant that inexorable legal processes set in motion by trivial or ridiculous civil disputes were seen to bear down on unions as if they were outlaws, and undermined public confidence in the aims and the value of the court. Once the Bill is law, the unions will have achieved their two great ends: release from the Act and from the statutory incomes policy. It would be wrong, however, to think that because their victory has been won with very little public demur the whole question of their place in society has been finally settled. Just as a voluntary wages policy imposes on them a responsibility to use their strength with restraint, so their release from legal control means that they must be prepared to regulate themselves, both in their relations with employers and in their relations with their members. The Cowley dispute is only one example of how little control a major union may in fact have over its members. Not long ago the country was emphatically in favour of bringing trade unions within a new framework of law; now it has grown tired of a law that restrained them too clumsily. But if the unions do not exercise their regained liberties responsibly, then the call will grow for different forms of legal control.

DIGGING OUT THE ANSWERS

Of the three large projects whose names, Concorde, Maplin, and Channel Tunnel, have become closely linked in recent years it is probably true that the latter commands more public support (at least as a through-rail tunnel) and has the best chance of survival. It is also true however that even for this most favoured of the trio no need has yet been established, nor an adequate case made.

That the ports and ferries around the south and east coasts of England (not to mention other techniques that may develop) can expand capacity to meet demand in the future as in the past is not in doubt—indeed they were criticized in the recent Monopolies Commission report for over-supplying the market. The question has always been, not is a tunnel necessary since it is clearly not, but is it desirable, for Britain as well as for France?

In seeking to establish its desirability advocates of the tunnel, among whom must be included the sponsoring government department, have failed to answer satisfactorily those who seriously question its planning, political, environmental, and safety implications; and they have advanced a financial and economic case that was suspect at the time [illegible] more so by [illegible] The promise [illegible] of State for [illegible] month of a [illegible] reassessment [illegible] welcome, for [illegible] what, for all [illegible] by its support [illegible] lacking.

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Yesterday's [illegible] suggested a willingn[illegible] project rather [illegible] root and branch [illegible] is not enough. [illegible] consideration [illegible] way. The work [illegible] strongly suggest[illegible] especially by [illegible] will become [illegible] that the wealth of Europeans will grow more slowly, than was thought. Moreover the Government, partly under pressure of public opinion, are now rightly seeing the tunnel as much more expensive, less a "costly sunken car ferry". Both these factors seem likely to diminish the commercial attractiveness of the project and therefore to produce demands by the private participants for further public commitment to what is already in many ways an unsatisfactory partnership.

The cost of the Channel Tunnel, including the high-speed rail link from London, will almost certainly exceed £1,500m, guaranteed, if not provided, by the public purse. A conference of experts for and against the tunnel called by the Royal Society of Arts last summer concluded overwhelmingly that "there are still serious doubts about the value of the project to Great Britain as a whole". These doubts about the cost and viability, regional planning and population drift, the living conditions of people in south-east London and Kent, safety, vulnerability to industrial action here and in France, compatibility of British and Continental railway systems—have yet to be allayed.

PAKISTAN MEANS MORE THAN PAKHTUNISTAN

Since he returned to power in Afghanistan in July last year President Mohammed Daud has been harping again on Pakhtunistan, the issue so dear to him when he held office until 1963. To put it bluntly, in Afghan terms the issue is one of the rights of a supposedly oppressed minority of Pathans in Pakistan who long to be united to their brothers in Afghanistan. President Daud has been giving interviews to visiting Pakistani and Indian journalists going over the iniquities of the Durand Line—the boundary between British India and Afghanistan settled in 1893. He regards it as no less a wrong in 1974 than it was then. President Daud's plea in discussing the matter is somewhat similar to Pakistan's in discussing Kashmir: if only Pakistan would resolve the Pathan problem, he says, what happy neighbours Afghanistan and Pakistan could be.

But just how serious a problem is it? The Pathans may seem to present a problem only if the inflexible character of the nation state that European imperialists left behind as a legacy in Asia is too strictly interpreted. If one runs along the boundaries right across Asia, from Peshawar to Haiphong, there hardly a country that has not some ethnic group [illegible] its border. Some of the peoples primitive enough even to know or to care which "country" they [illegible] inhabit. Others [illegible] coaxing is an [illegible] nationalisms, but [illegible] hard will opt or [illegible] degree of auto[illegible] Among hardly any of them [illegible] what can be called [illegible] existing.

The forty per ce[illegible] who are Pathan by [illegible] reasonably see the[illegible] core of Afghan na[illegible] addition of the [illegible] Pakistan would str[illegible] power and identity [illegible] cause sufficient jus[illegible] carving them out [illegible] West Frontier Pro[illegible] tainly the Pathan [illegible] province are resent[illegible] they think is Punjab[illegible] of Pakistan. The sa[illegible] the Baluchis—who a[illegible] Pathans and who [illegible] border between Pa[illegible] Iran. Mr Bhutto, in [illegible] to encourage unity [illegible] since the emergence [illegible] desh, has been weavi[illegible] and that in his hand[illegible] NWFP and Baluch[illegible] methods are much criticized. But on the basic issue that there is no real demand on the part either of the Pathans or the Baluchis to opt out of Pakistan as a state, Mr Bhutto has right on his side.

The late President Ayub Khan was by no means a rare case of a Pathan who had reached high office in Pakistan. The truth is that the north-west frontier has changed a good deal since Kipling's day. Most of the Pathans on the Pakistan side of the border look upon their brothers on the Afghan side as agreeable fellows but somewhat underdeveloped. Ethnic ties are all very fine but when careers are being considered by the educated men of a younger generation there is no doubt that Pakistan has more to offer than Afghanistan does; that Islamabad as a capital inhabits a more advanced world than Kabul. President Daud's view of the "unresolved problem" of the Pathans of Pakistan plays on an out-dated anti-imperialist resentment. Nor can one feel distressed about the interests from Kabul at the poor Pathans of Pakistan when Afghanistan's own minorities—the Shia Hazaras of the north, for example—hardly get their fair share of justice from the rulers in Kabul.

Quest for qualifications

From Lord Beaumont of Whitley

Sir, The debate on the relevance of O and A levels to artistic ability, important as it is, should not be allowed to obscure the wider issue.

There is an unfortunate tendency today to base admission to jobs and educational courses on the previous courses a person has taken and the qualifications he or she has acquired, often in fields completely different to the one in question.

The only justification for this is that it saves educationalists and employers the trouble that they would undoubtedly have if they were themselves to have to select those who would benefit from a course or who would do a particular job well.

It has been seriously suggested by a State Commission in Ontario that it should be made illegal to make the following of a particular course of study a qualification for a job. Without going as far as that, let us at least refrain from demanding *more* irrelevant qualifications.

Yours faithfully,
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National parks

From Mr W. Cowley

Sir, In 1955 I suggested that the 40-mile traverse of the North Yorkshire Moors along the main East-West watershed would make a fine and challenging walk, through heather all the way and past no human habitation. In the years that crossing was by under 200 walkers both endurance and m[illegible] success. It was called Wake Walk after an an[illegible] shire funeral dirge whi[illegible] that everyone after death [illegible] a difficult moor.

In the last four years [illegible] people have done this wal[illegible] In wetter sections there [illegible] able erosion and the pea[illegible] way completely. The wa[illegible] quires endurance, but no [illegible] mountaincraft. An elephant [illegible] been worn across from [illegible] the other. For this we ha[illegible] to thank earnest and we[illegible] schoolmasters, youth lea[illegible] the organizers of sponso[illegible] who shepherd across flock[illegible] 100 at a time.

I do not think anythin[illegible] ought to be done to stop [illegible] but no other such walks sh[illegible] be suggested in future. [illegible] Wake Walk syphons off so[illegible] crowds from elsewhere. [illegible] damage will not grow ap[illegible] worse, and even if the tra[illegible] be closed by decree (which [illegible] bid!) it might take a ce[illegible] recover. It is much less [illegible] damage done to the moors [illegible] owners, by the Forestry Com[illegible] by the Early Warning Sta[illegible] gliding clubs and by TV m[illegible] spite of the "ochlothana[illegible] volved on this particular [illegible] good—judging from letters [illegible] —far outweighs the harm.

What is disturbing is to s[illegible] *Times*, April 24) an advert[illegible] for North Yorkshire Moors National Park Staff including [illegible] principal assistants for policy, [illegible] development control and projects, [illegible] sundry subordinates. The last [illegible] National Parks [illegible] any further projects. It is the [illegible] people who require Information Centres, nature trails and guided walks that do indeed destroy the beauty [illegible] come to seek. In the interest of preserving our national parks even more than as a measure of national economy I suggest the immediate scaling down to skeleton staffs those grossly inflated national park establishments. Nothing is more certain than that this army of officials will rapidly complete the ruin the areas they have been appointed to protect and "develop".

Yours faithfully,
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Rutland's identity

From the Bishop of Peterborough

Sir, Rutland, now robbed of all but memory of its ancient pride and glory as a shire, can take some little comfort. Rutland is still a rural deanery, coterminous with the former county's boundaries, and full at least of clerical pride that all its distinctive identity is not for ever lost.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS PETERBORO:
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Peterborough.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Policy decisions on energy usage

From Dr Ian Fells

Sir, Now that the miners are safely back at work and oil is flowing reasonably freely again industry should be taking stock of the changed energy situation and making plans for the future. The realization that energy in all its forms is going to be expensive has caused some companies to make determined efforts to reduce their energy consumption and they have achieved savings of between 10 and 15 per cent. Unfortunately, it would seem that many companies are merely passing on the increased costs to the customer.

The Government, and particularly the Secretary of State for Energy, find themselves in a more difficult position with a series of important and urgent decisions to make which will affect the energy usage pattern in the United Kingdom for the next two decades; which reactor types should we build into the next round of nuclear stations, what further support should be given to the coal industry, at what rate should oil and gas be extracted from the North Sea, what further research and development is needed into fusion power, solar energy and so on, what about a determined effort to promote energy conservation perhaps using incentives, will we need more fuel technologists or energy engineers?

Mr Varley would surely welcome cool, unbiased advice on these and associated energy matters to help him and his hard-pressed civil servants at the Ministry of Energy to withstand the lobbying of the powerful energy suppliers and contractors. The setting up of an Energy Board to provide such advice, coordinate the endeavours of the different fuel industries and commission research and development studies where necessary information is lacking, would be an initiative which this and succeeding governments would find invaluable both now and as far ahead as can be seen.

Yours faithfully,
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Work on North Sea oil

From Lord Polwarth

Sir, In references to North Sea oil in his article in your centre pages last Saturday (April 27), George Hutchinson shows how completely he has been misinformed. As Minister of State for Scotland in the last Government, with special responsibility for oil developments in Scotland, I must come to the defence of the Scottish Office, who he suggests have delayed the construction of deep water oil production platforms by failing to make sites available.

Nothing could be further from the truth. No less than nine sites round the Scottish coast have been cleared under the planning acts: at three of them platform building is well advanced and is about to begin at a fourth. The Drumbuie site is a special case concerning one particular type of platform for the building of which suitable depths of water exist in that area alone. Far from being dazed by the public inquiry into this site, we in the Scottish Office realized last year that the length of the inquiry might seriously delay the building of these platforms and the subsequent production of oil. Accordingly by December, even before the creation of the Department of Energy, we were working on the powers needed to speed up the acquisition of such sites, to be used solely for the urgent purpose of producing and landing the oil and subject to safeguards for other interests.

Our intentions were announced in Parliament in January and a draft Bill was prepared ready for introduction early in March. But for the General Election it should by now have been law, and a site for building these particular platforms could have been available early this summer.

That this is now most unlikely can only be attributed to the decision of the new Secretary of State for Scotland and his colleagues in the Government not to proceed, at least for the time being, with legislation on the lines proposed by us. To accuse the Scottish Office of delay, postponement and indecision in the past shows complete ignorance on the part of Mr Hutchinson of the facts. And it was as unfair to Scottish Office officials as it was irrelevant to drag in a reference to the Poulson-Pottinger affair.

Yours faithfully,
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Hawick,
Roxburghshire.

Vindolanda

From Dr Graham Webster

Sir, Before the Vindolanda controversy becomes obscured by detailed arguments, it is as well to be reminded that Hadrian's Wall is the most important military monument in the Roman world and that any site associated with it has this special significance. However, the real importance of Vindolanda does not clearly emerge from Dr Simpson's letter (April 23). This is the waterlogged condition of some of the early levels where most of the organic material is in an astounding state of preservation. It is precisely objects of this kind which are normally lost; to have so much wood, leather, textile and plant remains still *in situ*, puts this site into a very rare category.

The only way to investigate the site properly is by a large scale excavation with all the necessary pumping equipment and scientific laboratories on the site and this can only be done by the Government. The Department of the Environment should now take over the site and any further work deferred until adequate financial resources are available for the total recovery of these remarkable remains, their conservation, study and full publication.

Yours faithfully,
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Two nations in Northern Ireland

From Mr William Stoddart

Sir, Mr Bruce (April 29) has much that is interesting and realistic to say regarding the two communities in Northern Ireland but, with respect, the population exchange which he proposes (a fearful thing in itself) is *not* the only non-violent option.

Equally realistic, but infinitely less draconian, is the making available of a choice of nationality within an Anglo-Irish Condominium. One may suppose that most Protestants would unmistakably opt to retain their British nationality, while many Catholics would become legally what they already are in their hearts, namely Irish citizens. They would be able to travel abroad on a green passport, not a blue one.

The Condominium itself would be constitutionally apart from both Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland, but the flags of both countries would fly over its public buildings and administration (no matter what local arrangements had to be made in practice) would be the ultimate responsibility of London and Dublin. In such a Condominium, the United Kingdom would obviously be the major partner, but the Condominium would remain "integrated" with the UK in one sphere only, namely economic. Residents in the Republic would not participate in Condominium or UK social services.

This proposed solution is remarkable in that it gives each community so much of what it really wants. This is above all satisfaction on the nationality issue: The Protestant can remain British, the Catholics can "become" Irish. No one loses their country and no one loses their homes.

Needless to say this solution would not preclude any border adjustments (between the Condominium and the Republic) that might be considered desirable.

Yours faithfully,
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April 29.

From Professor Michael Balfour

Sir, Over two years ago, I reached, and expressed publicly, the views put forward by Mr Bruce in your columns today (April 29). Since then I have kept quiet, in the hope that the British Government's policy might succeed. This now seems unlikely, in which case Mr Bruce's conclusions are compelling. Much evidence from Eastern Europe and elsewhere already suggested how difficult if not impossible it is to reconcile two rival national groups living in the same area, leaving a transfer of populations as the best way out.

The difficulties may be greater than Mr Bruce suggests, especially over Belfast and Londonderry (the latter of which might well have to go to the Republic). But there are advantages which he does not mention, notably in a frontier which, as shorter, could be more easily policed.

I would further suggest that:

(a) those Catholics remaining in Northern Ireland should do so on the understanding that they would receive no special treatment in such matters as housing and education;

(b) all those remaining in Northern Ireland should be required to take an oath of allegiance to the Crown. (I do not exaggerate the value of this, but think it would have some effect);

(c) Initially at any rate, all persons in the new Northern Ireland should be required to carry identity documents;

(d) initially again, movement into and out of the new Northern Ireland should be controlled by a permit system.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL BALFOUR,
5b Prince Arthur Road, NW3.
April 29.

From Mr C. B. Heywood

Sir, Reference Mr Bruce's letter today (April 29), surely, surely, if there should ever be any repatriation from Ulster, there could not, justly or logically, be any question of native-Irish people being "repatriated" to another part of Ireland? It would have to be for the settlers of non-Irish ancestry to be repatriated to their ancestral homelands over the sea, or, to put it in another way, to somewhere to which they feel more spiritually attuned than they apparently do to the whole of Ireland proper.

A very relevant place for this might well be Mr Bruce's own country, which is underpopulated and which in its present mood might welcome an influx of nationally-minded citizens keen on regional government, particularly if they had, as he suggests, resettlement grants.

Incidentally I am a Protestant who, from time to time, tries to be a Christian as well.

Yours truly,
C. B. HEYWOOD,
c/o National Westminster Bank,
42 Leicester Square, WC2.
April 29.

Surcharge on investment income

From Mr J. H. N. Lawson

Sir, Your leader (A Fiscal Injustice) is welcome, but does not expose the whole iniquity (*sic*, the spelling is deliberate) of the Chancellor's proposals.

A worker (married, no children, wife not working) with earnings of £2,500 faces (according to tables which you printed) a tax increase of 4½ per cent. At £3,000 his increase is 5½ per cent, at £4,000 7½ per cent. And at every stage shown in your tables up to £100,000 the increase is less than 10 per cent.

A retired couple with a National Retirement Pension of £650 plus £2,000 investment income will pay an increase of 13½ per cent, with £2,500 11.6 per cent and with £3,000 12.3 per cent.

Your proposed amendment has merit but also this defect: when the increased retirement pension is received some aged couples will, in effect, pay in tax 48 per cent of the increase (unless further special relief is given!).

These old people during their working lives helped to make possible today's welfare state: now they are the milch cows of the nation.

A thorough examination of their position is urgently required both in equity and in humanity. Our legislators do not appear to know the effects of their own tax proposals. Or perhaps they do not care: the old people have only a short expectation of life and are expendable.

As a trustee I know that they have suffered most from inflation; most from dividend control, most from excessive taxation, and, unless exempted, will suffer most from a wealth tax. Why should their income from all sources not be taxed as earned? They have done their stint.

Mr Barber in a White Sheet and a Swan Song recognized that they are a "special case". But he did it too meagrely and too late. Once more, he and his party threw away an election.

Now, with your guidance, justice lies in the hands of Mr Healey, that is if his hands are not tied.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. N. LAWSON,
10 Vincent Road,
Selsey,
Sussex.
April 27.

From Mr Norman Lamont, Conservative MP for Kingston upon Thames

Sir, Your admirable leading article (April 27) on the injustice of the Government's decision to impose a surcharge on people over 65 with a savings income of £1,500, might well have added that these people have already been "taxed" by the application of dividend control in the last year. Under Phases II and III of the last Government's Prices and Incomes Policies dividends were allowed to grow at only half the rate anticipated for wage increases and well under half the rate of inflation as it has turned out.

What can be the fairness in maintaining dividend control not even linked to inflation, any longer? If it is thought that the rich should make their contribution to the so-called social contract, then by all means tax the investment income of the rich, though that can hardly include a pensioner with £1,500 income. The present blanket and draconian dividend control is penalizing people on limited incomes as well, of course, as adding to the problems of pension funds, many of which are already suffering from shortfall of income at a time when they most need to increase pensions to compensate for rapid inflation.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN LAMONT,
House of Commons.
April 29.

Health risks in industry

From Professor W. R. Lee

Sir, The article by your Science Correspondent on April 24 and the subsequent letter from Mr Bryan Harvey (April 26), HM Chief Inspector of Factories, raise serious issues.

In these matters it is important to strike a delicate balance. On one hand it is wrong to create unnecessary anxiety and unhappiness in work people and their families and on the other it is equally wrong to conceal dangers from work people. Many persons in management and trade unions realize this and with the factory inspectorate, and more recently with the Employment Medical Advisory Service, try to achieve the balance. Unfortunately, to judge from some of their recent programmes in this field, this is not the case with the BBC.

Persons from many countries over the world hold the BBC and our factory inspectorate in high esteem. From Mr Harvey's annual reports and his letter it would seem that this attitude to his inspectorate will continue. Let us hope that the BBC will realize that in this field their power must be matched with responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
W. R. LEE,
Department of Occupational Health,
University of Manchester,
Clinical Sciences Building,
York Place, Manchester.
April 27.

From Mr O. H. Parsons

Sir, When testing the approach of HM Chief Inspector of Factories (letter April 26), it is significant that the Health and Safety at Work etc Bill, currently in its passage through Parliament, is designed, with the approval and, indeed, at the initiative of the inspectorate, to reduce the statutory duty of care which at present rests on employers.

The Factories Act, 1961, imposes an absolute liability; Section 155 provides that "in the event of a contravention" of the Act or Regulations made thereunder the person responsible shall "be guilty of an offence" and no excuses are permitted. The Mines and Quarries Act, 1954, does the same except that by Section 157 it shall be a defence to a criminal prosecution "to prove that it was impracticable to avoid or prevent the contravention"; "impracticable" has been judicially defined as "not physically possible" so the scope of the defence is narrow, and the duty, in practice, is absolute.

In place of these stringent standards, Clause 41 of the Bill provides that: "It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under any of the relevant statutory provisions to prove that he exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of such an offence by himself or any person under his control."

What precise meaning will be given to "due diligence" in this context will depend on judicial interpretation but manifestly it provides a far lower standard of care than the present standards applicable to factories and mines.

As a result it will clearly be more difficult for the inspectorate, "supine" or not, to enforce the statutory requirements, whether by prosecution or education. This is a remarkable consequence of legislation designed to improve safety and health conditions and it is to be hoped that the Bill will be amended by the deletion of this clause and the retention of present standards.

Yours faithfully,
O. H. PARSONS,
Morny House,
201 Regent Street, W1.
April 30.

The press and the individual

From Mr Donald Tyerman

Sir, Lately listening to Woman's Hour in an after-lunch trance, I heard a familiar earnest voice declaring that journalists are not really cynical, but "dedicated to the truth". Now, I know very well that the Editor of *The Sunday Times*, whose voice it was, bears no resemblance to, say, Himmler. Even so, my blood ran cold: what possible right have Mr Evans and his dedicated colleagues to find out and disclose the truth about anybody?

Clearly he didn't simply mean that journalists, like quantity surveyors, accountants or engineers, have to get things right. He meant that they were committed to finding things out. What things?

I look across this village green, and ask why on earth a journalist any more than anybody else should be able to pry into what goes on behind those curtains and then tell the world about it?

I can fairly ask these questions because I have spent much of my life defending the freedom of the press. But the freedom of the press is not the right of journalists but the right of the people to be informed, the right in fact of the people behind those curtains. It is not the right but the duty of the press to tell them what they need to know, no more, no less.

It is indeed the press's duty to tell the truth about the doings of men in authority over those people, about crimes or misdemeanours which oppress or exploit them. It is in no way the duty (still less the right) of journalists to tell the truth, however dedicated they may be, about those people themselves.

I am not arguing for what is called a law of privacy. Such laws, like the "shield" laws sought shortsightedly by American journalists, lead to definitions by lawyers and legislators that in fact abridge the freedoms, of the press and of the individual, which they try to specify. Already, here, a preposterous minor member of the Government has talked of licensing newspapers.

I am arguing that journalists should be dedicated not just to the truth but to the liberty of the individual which they exist to serve. Privacy is, or should be, inherent in that liberty. Journalists are not, and should never be, private eyes or security corps men, licensed to seek behind those curtains the truth that is nobody's business.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD TYERMAN,
Holly Cottage,
Westleton,
Saxmundham,
Suffolk.

Soviet objectives

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, Mr Edward Mortimer, in his article in *The Times* of April 30, seems to me to overstep the mark.

He cannot have it both ways. In his first paragraph on the latest report of this institute, "Soviet Objectives in the Middle East", we are told that I assembled a study group of "distinguished academics, journalists and retired diplomats". At the foot of the column these have become "experts", the quotation marks apparently signifying that, in Mr Mortimer's eyes, they have by this time ceased to be distinguished.

The phrase "allowed their names to be used" suggests to the reader that they were not given a chance to approve the final report. The draft was in fact sent to all members of the study group and attracted both general and specific approval, with the exception of points of detail that were duly taken into account. Doubtless the distinguished people so libelled will correct Mr Mortimer.

There is a further charge: that in my article any event that might turn out to the advantage of the Soviet Union is a triumph for the forces of evil, and any advantage gained by the West is a triumph for the forces of good. The report is not a morality play, but Mr Mortimer's comment is an interesting indication of his state of mind. Is one to infer from it that Mr Mortimer would hail any Soviet advantage and lament any Western failure? The ISC, though objective, is not impartial. Our partiality is for the Western side; I am sorry that Mr Mortimer's seems to be for the other side.

Yours very truly,
BRIAN CROZIER, Director,
Institute for the Study of Conflict,
199 Piccadilly, W1.

An eagle in Regent's Park

From Sir Antony Hornby

Sir, Regular users of Queen Mary's Garden in Regent's Park wonder who took the decision to spoil the duck pond by placing a predatory bronze eagle in it at great expense of labour and money.

It is an unsuitable bird in this quiet and beautiful setting and I know the gardeners who tend the garden with such loving care did not want it and most of us habitués resent it.

What higher authority was responsible? Surely it cannot be an offspring of that horrible bird in Grosvenor Square!

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY HORNBY,
Claridge's Hotel,
Brook Street, W1.
April 27.

Wrapped up in The Times

From Mr James Spriggs

Sir, As an archaeological conservator working with a team on excavations in northern Belize, I should like to extol another of the many virtues of *The Times*. During our stay here, we have accumulated almost fifty copies of the airmail edition of *The Times* which are now proving invaluable for the packing and padding of thousands of Mayan potsherds and bones soon to be shipped back to England in crates.

I would strongly urge any archaeological team about to embark for foreign parts to arrange to have the airmail *Times* sent out to them regularly.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES A. SPRIGGS,
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Belize City,
Belize, Central America.

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 30: The Queen of Denmark *and The Prince of Denmark arrived* in Windsor this morning on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrived off the Royal Naval College, Greenwich in the Royal Danish Yacht "Dannebrog" (Captain A. O. Schulze, RDN), escorted by HMS "Llandaff" (Commander J. S. Kelly, RN) and the Port of London Authority Vessel "Bentleet" (Officer-in-Charge Lieutenant-Commander R. B. Richardson, RN (Retd)).

The following are the names of the Suite in attendance:—Monsieur Ove Guldberg (Minister of Foreign Affairs), Count K. Knuth-Winterfeldt (Lord Chamberlain), Countess W. K. Armfelt (Lady in Waiting), Lieutenant-Colonel U. Gabel Jørgensen (Chamberlain, Master of the Ceremonies), Captain A. O. Schulze, RDN (First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp), Commander A. Jespersen, RDN (Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty) and Major H. Fogh-Andersen (Aide-de-Camp to The Prince of Denmark).

The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by His Excellency the Danish Ambassador and Madame Kristiansen and attended by Commander William Willett, RN, went on board the Royal Danish Yacht "Dannebrog" to welcome The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark on behalf of The Queen.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were conducted from the Royal Danish Yacht by The Duke of Edinburgh and embarked in the Port of London Authority Barge "Nore" and were received on board by the Lord Aldington (Chairman of the Authority) and Mr John Lunch (Director General of the Authority).

The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark disembarked at the Pontoon and were received at the Water Gate by Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Elworthy (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London), Rear-Admiral E. W. Ellis (Admiral President, Royal Naval College), Brigadier A. J. Woolford (Commander, Woolwich Garrison), Councillor D. J. Dean (Mayor of the London Borough of Greenwich) and Captain D. S. Tibbits, RN (Deputy Master of Trinity House).

The Duke of Edinburgh then *presented the following members* of the British Suite who have been specially attached to The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark:—the Lord Hamilton of Dalzell (Lord in Waiting to The Queen), *the Lady Susan Hussey* (Lady in Waiting to The Queen), Mr Andrew Stark (Her Majesty's Ambassador at Copenhagen) and Mrs Stark and Squadron Leader Peter Beer (Equerry to The Queen).

A Guard of Honour of the Royal Navy, found by the Naval Home Command, with The Queen's Colour of the Naval Home Command, under the command of Lieutenant-Commander J. Kelleher, RN, with the Band of the Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, was mounted on the Grand Square.

The Bargemaster and The Queen's Waterman were on duty in the Port of London Authority Barge "Nore".

The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, travelled by motor car to the Royal Pavilion at the Home Park (Public), Windsor.

The Queen met The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark in the Royal Pavilion.

There were also present in the Royal Pavilion: — Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Mount, Bt (Vice-Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire), the Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister), the Right Hon James *Callaghan, MP* (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the Right Hon. Roy Jenkins, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), Field Marshal Sir Michael Carver (Chief of *the Defence Staff*), *Admiral Sir* Edward Ashmore (Chief of the Naval Staff), General Sir Peter Hunt (Chief of the General Staff), Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey (Chief of the Air Staff), Major-General Philip Ward (General Officer Commanding London District), Councillor Frederick Pickering (Chairman, Council of *the Royal County of Berkshire*), Councillor C. S. Aston (Mayor, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead) and Mr David Holdsworth (Chief Constable, Thames Valley Police).

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards, with The Queen's Colour, the Band of the Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major J. F. Rickett, was mounted in the Home Park (Public).

A Salute was fired by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, under the command of Major H. B. de Fonblanque, in the Home Park (Private).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were conducted to their carriages by the Duke of Beaufort (Master of the Horse) and, accompanied by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, drove to Windsor Castle, a Carriage Procession having been formed *in the following* order:—

First Carriage
THE QUEEN
THE QUEEN OF DENMARK
Second Carriage
THE PRINCE OF DENMARK
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH
Third Carriage
Monsieur Ove Guldberg
His Excellency the Danish Ambassador
Madame Kristiansen
The Master of the Horse
Fourth Carriage
Count K. Knuth-Winterfeldt
Countess W. K. Armfelt
The Countess of Airlie
The Lord Hamilton of Dalzell
Fifth Carriage
Lieutenant-Colonel U. Gabel Jørgensen
The Lady Susan Hussey
Mr Andrew Stark
Mrs Stark
Sixth Carriage
Captain A. O. Schulze, RDN
Commander A. Jespersen, RDN
Major H. Fogh-Andersen
Squadron Leader Peter Beer
Motor Car
Captain Peter Fletcher
Commander William Willett, RN
Motor Car
The Crown Equerry

A Sovereign's Escort, with two *Standards, under the command of* Lieutenant-Colonel W. R. Edgedale, The Life Guards, was furnished by the Household Cavalry. A Guard of Honour found by the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, with *The Queen's Company Colour*, the Royal Standard of the Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major T. J. Tedder, was mounted in the Quadrangle at Windsor Castle and the Mounted Band of The Blues and Royals was formed up in Engine Court.

The route of the Procession was lined by the Armed Services.

The Lord Chamberlain and the Lord Steward were in attendance at the State Entrance, Windsor Castle, upon the arrival of The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark, and The Queen presented Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Elworthy (Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle) and Sir Robert Mark (Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis).

The Prince of Wales, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, Prince Richard of Gloucester, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Angus Ogilvy met Her Majesty and *His* Royal Highness in the Grand Vestibule.

The Mistress of the Robes and the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance in the Waterloo Chamber upon the arrival of The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard were on duty.

A dismounted party of the Household Cavalry lined the Grand Staircase and the Military Knights of Windsor were on duty in the Grand Entrance Hall.

The Queen invested The Queen of Denmark with the Royal Victorian Chain.

The Queen of Denmark and The *Prince of Denmark* this afternoon at Windsor Castle received Addresses from the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Royal County of Berkshire and from the Mayor and Councillors *of the Royal Borough of Windsor* and Maidenhead.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then visited Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at Royal Lodge.

The Queen and The Duke of *Edinburgh gave a State Banquet* this evening in honour of The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon and the Earl of Snowdon, Prince Richard of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Prince Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy *and the* Hon Angus Ogilvy, Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma and the Duke of Beaufort were present.

The following had the honour of being invited:

Suite of The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark

Monsieur Ove Guldberg (Minister of Foreign Affairs), Count K. Knuth-Winterfeldt (Lord Chamberlain), Countess W. K. Armfelt (Lady in Waiting), Lieutenant-Colonel U. Gabel Jørgensen (Chamberlain, Master of the Ceremonies), Captain A. O. Schulze, RDN (First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp), Commander A. Jespersen, RDN (Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty), Major H. Fogh-Andersen (Aide-de-Camp to The Prince of Denmark).

Specially Attached in Attendance upon The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark

The Lady Susan Hussey (Lady in Waiting to The Queen), The Lord Hamilton of Dalzell (Lord in Waiting to The Queen) and Lady Hamilton of Dalzell, Mr Andrew Stark (Her Majesty's Ambassador at Copenhagen) and Mrs Stark, Squadron Leader Peter Beer (Equerry to The Queen).

Ambassadors

His Excellency the Ambassador of Denmark and Madame Kristiansen, *His Excellency* the Finnish Ambassador and Madame Wartiovaara, His Excellency the Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs Kohl, His Excellency the Italian Ambassador, His Excellency the *Ambassador of the Federal Republic* of Germany and Frau von Hase, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland and Mrs O'Sullivan, His Excellency the Netherlands Ambassador and *Mademoiselle Françoise Gevers*, His Excellency the Icelandic Ambassador and Mrs Sigurdsson, His Excellency the Luxembourg Ambassador, His Excellency the French Ambassador and Madame *de Beaumarchais, His Excellency* the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Jodahl, His Excellency the Belgian Ambassador.

Members of the Danish Embassy

Monsieur Kjeld Willumsen (*Minister Plenipotentiary*), Prince Georg of Denmark (Defence Attaché) and Princess Georg of Denmark, Monsieur Harry Agerbak (Minister Plenipotentiary Press and Cultural Affairs) and Madame Agerbak.

The Cabinet

The Prime Minister and Mrs Wilson, The Lord President of the Council and Mrs Short, The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Mrs Callaghan, The Lord Chancellor and Lady Elwyn-Jones, The Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs Jenkins, The Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mrs Healey, The Lord Privy Seal and Lady Shepherd.

Special Invitations

Princess Margaretha, Mrs John Ambler and Mr John Ambler, The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Ramsey, The Right Hon the Speaker, The Lord Great Chamberlain and the Marchioness of Cholmondeley, The Lord and Lady Windlesham, The Lord and Lady Byers, The Lord and Lady McFadzean, The Lord and Lady Kearton, The Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, The Lord Chief Justice of England and Lady Widgery, The Right Hon Edward Heath, MP, The Right Hon Jeremy Thorpe, MP and Mrs Thorpe, The Hon Alan and Mrs Hare, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Mount, Bt and Lady Mount, Field-Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Carver, General Sir Peter Hunt, Sir Thomas and Lady Brimelow, Sir Edward and Lady Lewis, Sir Raymond and Lady Brookes, Sir Robert and Lady Mark, Sir Charles and Lady Curran, Mr and Mrs Gordon Richardson, Major-General and Mrs Philip Ward, Professor and Mrs Glyn Daniel, Mr and Mrs Derek Ezra, Mr Jocelyn Hambro, Major-General and Mrs Fergus Ling, Professor and Mrs Charles Wilson, The Chairman, Council of the Royal County of Berkshire and Mrs Pickering, The Mayor and Mayoress of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, The Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police and Mrs Holdsworth.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Households in Waiting were in attendance.

During the Banquet The Queen gave the Toast to The Queen of Denmark to which Her Majesty *made reply*.

Detachments of The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard and the Household Cavalry, dismounted, were on duty.

The String Orchestra of the Scots Guards, *under the direction of* Major J. H. Howe, and the Pipers of the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, under the direction of Pipe Major L. M. Ingram, played selections of music during and after the Banquet.

Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones is 10 today.

Birthdays today

Mr Frederick C. Braby, 77; General Mark Clark, 78; General Sir Alan Cunningham, 87; Professor Sir Ronald Edwards, 64; Major-General W. G. Fryer, 74; Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, 63; Sir Edmund Hudson, 71; Professor L. M. Milne-Thomson, 83; Dame Felicity Peake, 61; Sir Roy Price, 81; Air Walter Susskind, 61; Miss Wendy Toye, 57; Sir Robert Wynne-Edwards, 77.

Marriage

Mr R. G. Drummond and Miss R. C. Jeffreys-Powell

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 27, between Mr Richard Blair Drummond and Miss Rosemary Catherine Jeffreys-Powell.

Service dinner

Rodney Term, RN College, Dartmouth April 30, 1924

To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the day that they joined the Royal Navy, members of Rodney Term, RN College, Dartmouth April 30, 1924, dined last night at the Basil Street Hotel. Vice-Admiral J. P. Scatchard presided, and the guests of honour were their term officers, Admiral the Hon Sir Guy Russell and Captain G. H. Warner, RN.

Dinners

P-E International Limited

The fortieth anniversary of the founding of the P-E Consulting Group was celebrated at a dinner held in Stationers' Hall, London last night. Sir Roger Falk, group chairman, presided. Mr David Nicolson proposed the toast to the company and Lord Hayter replied for the guests. Among those present were:

Viscount Runciman of Doxford, Mr Leslie Davies, MP, Sir Frank Figgures, Sir Derek Pritchard, Sir Walter Salt, Dr N. Gerald Thorley, Sir Richard Ireland, Sir Richard Young, Mr George Cattell, Mr Leo d'Erlanger, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr Ronald Mclntosh, Mr J. P. Martin-Baxter, Mr John Michelin, Mr Peter Parker and Mr Richard Wilding.

Montgomeryshire Society

The Montgomeryshire Society's annual dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms last night. Air C. E. Vaughan Owen, president of the society, was in the chair, and the other speakers were Lord Wynne-Jones, Mr A. J. Taylor and Mr P. L. W. Owen, QC.

Association of County Councils

Sir Meredith Whittaker, chairman of the executive council, Association of County Councils, gave a dinner party last evening at the Royal Automobile Club in honour of Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science. Among those present were:

Viscount Amory, president of the association, Mrs F. L. Coker, vice-chairman of the executive council and chairman of the association's education committee, Mr Gerald Fowler, MP, and Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP.

Rose grower sweeps the board at show

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

The Rhododendron Show dominates the Royal Horticultural Society new hall at Westminster, but there are some charming exhibits of spring flowers, the show of dwarf, median and species irises staged by the British Iris Society, a daffodil competition arranged by the Daffodil Society, and the spring competition of the Royal National Rose Society.

In the rose society competition it was a day of triumph for Mr E. F. Allen, Copdock. He won first prizes for four specimen blooms, three specimen blooms in variety, bowl of HT roses, five stems, vase of three stems floribunda roses, three pots miniature roses, one pot of miniature rose, bowl of miniature roses, and arrangement of not more than seven roses.

A gold medal was awarded to Mr M. J. Jefferson-Brown for a group of daffodils. An exhibit of auriculas earned a Lindley medal for Mr Gordon Douglas, Great Bookham. Hillier and Sons, in a gold medal group of rhododendrons, showed several popular varieties.

Reuthe Ltd were also awarded a gold medal, and had fine specimens of *R loderi* King George, pale pink, Humming Bird, carmine, Lady Chamberlain, Exbury Form, and various azaleas.

Many plants were submitted to the committees, and the following awards were made:

First class certificate to rhododendron Queen Elizabeth II, yellow, from Crown Estate Commissioners, Windsor Great Park.

Awards of merit: rhododendron hybrid, subject to naming, yellow with a pink flush, Crown Estate Commissioners; rhododendron hybrid, subject to naming, red pink, Mr H. B. Rosewarne, Hardcraft; *R macrosepum*, white; *R Hotei*, deep yellow; and a form of *R leptomenium*, subject to naming, pale yellow, all from Glendoick Gardens.

Willow dwarf Asterton, ornamental grass with golden foliage, Mr G. S. Thomas; *Primula Francis Cotterill*, pink, and *Phoenix* (syn *Robusta*), under foliage, both Hillier and Sons; *Rainscreen*, Mildred Fenwick-Owen-Owen, yellow, heavily stippled with dark purple, Mr and Mrs L. Rawlings; *Iris bucharica*, carmine, Mr A. Taylor, Crowborough; *Gerbera calphurea*, yellow, *Berberis Aemophylla* Semperflorens, orange; and *Abies recutchita* for its flower and foliage, all from the division, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

There were more than a thousand entries in the Rhododendron Show, and competition was keen. In the classes for species leading prizewinners were:

Right species, Lionel de Rothschild cup—Lord Aberconway and National Trust, Bodnant; three species—F. L. Ingall, Castle Douglas; three species, restricted class—Mrs A. M. Potter, Wandsworth; any species, one truss, Mellanie cup—E. L. de Rothschild, Exbury; any species, one truss, Rose Stevenson cup—Mr S. F. Cassie, Elgin.

Three decorative stems of rhododendron hybrids—Mrs A. M. Potter, Three hybrids—M. Cricks, Bournemouth; three hybrids, one spray of each, Mr H. Brenda, Tunbridge Wells; three hybrids, one spray of each—Mr Cricks; three species similarly arranged, one truss, Lady Cox—National Trust for Scotland, Brodick Castle.

Prizewinners in the Rose Society's spring competition: Six specimen blooms, three of most varieties—E. Sharp, Sherfield; one specimen bloom—W. D. Gobbee, Bolham; small grandiflora—three specimen blooms—D. R. Thomas, Orpington; one specimen bloom—R. Dillon, Hanworth; any HT rose and three HT roses—D. R. Thomas; three floribunda roses—R. D. Dillon, Northaw; three, one specimen bloom, of a floribunda, shrub or arrangement of HT roses—S. Varey, Sherfield; arrangement of roses—Mrs R. A. Dobbie, London, SE25.

In the Daffodil Society's show Mr W. A. Kotin, Oakham, led for six varieties and also showed the best bloom in the show, an unnamed seedling. Ramsden and Bellhouse, Horticultural Society, Essex, led in the class for horticultural societies.

The show will be open again today *from 10 am to 5 pm.*

Studying form at the Rhododendron Show in Westminster yesterday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Anthony and Miss E. B. Crisham

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs E. Anthony of Hull, and Ellen Brigid, second daughter of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs W. J. Crisham, of Wimbledon. The marriage will take place in June.

Mr J. H. Boyle and Miss F. E. Walford

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Hungerford, only son of Mr and Mrs T. H. Boyle, of Little Hatch, Edenbridge, Kent, and Fiona Elisabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. N. Walford, of Trycewell Hill, Ightham, Kent.

Mr A. D. Campbell and Miss K. D. Juul

The engagement is announced between Andrew Donald, eldest son of the Hon Neil and Mrs Campbell, of Yorks Hill Farm, Ide Hill, Kent, and Dominique, elder daughter of Hr and Fru Peter Juul, of Emdrup Vaenge 54, Copenhagen.

Mr N. de Jongh and Miss C. L. Strauss

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr E. de Jongh, of Athens, and Mrs T. de Jongh, of Kensington, and Caroline, second daughter of Mr Louis Strauss, of 17 Ray Drive, Maidenhead, and Mrs Anne Adams.

Mr R. T. Miller and Miss C. M. Godsal

The engagement is announced between Robert Thornewill, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Miller, of Old Brewery, Cookebridge, Lewes, Sussex, and Caroline Mary, elder daughter of Major Philip Godsal, of Iscord Park, Whitchurch, Shropshire, and Mrs Walter Godsal, of Edbrooke House, Winsford, Somerset.

Mr R. S. Rahman and Miss R. I. Navaratnam

The engagement is announced between Bistamam Rahman and Indra Navaratnam, of Penang, Malaya.

Mr J. G. Rowlandson and Miss P-J de M. Matthews

The engagement is announced between John Graham, son of the late Mr Norman Rowlandson and of Mrs Rowlandson, of the Homestead, Coombe Hill Road, Kingston, Surrey, and Penelope-Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Matthews, of 152 Parlton Road, SW1.

Mr N. A. Smith and Miss S. C. Poland

The engagement is announced between Nigel Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. L. Smith, of Down House, Milespit Hill, Mill Hill, London, NW7, and Susan Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. R. Poland, of Hurst Cottage, High Beech, South Croydon.

Lieutenant C. P. E. Welland, RN and Miss P. J. Biggart

The engagement is announced between Christopher Patrick Bache, son of the late Mr Philip Welland and Mrs Joan Welland, of Pitchcroft, Scaynes Hill, Sussex, and Pamela Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Douglas Biggart, of Lindowan, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.

Mr A. N. Armitage-Smith and Miss A. S. Williams

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Nigel Armitage-Smith, The Queen's Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs Julian Armitage-Smith, of Blackbrook, Dorking, Surrey, and Avril, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Williams, of Codsall, Staffordshire.

Mr J. H. Butler and Miss N. de Kolychkine

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. Butler, of Sutton-on-the-Forest, York, and Natasha, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. de Kolychkine, of Brussels.

Mr C. H. Coffin and Miss L. J. Graham

The engagement is announced between Christopher Hayden, only son of Mr and Mrs K. H. Coffin, of Bath, and Leslie Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. H. Graham, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr M. M. R. Hughes and Miss P. M. Macdonald

The engagement is announced between Michael Maximilian Ralph, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hughes, of Furneux Pelham Hall, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, and Penelope Mary Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Macdonald, of Orchard Spring, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

Mr C. S. P. Monck and Miss C. L. M. Makower

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and the Hon Mrs John Monck, of Aldern Bridge House, Newbury, Berkshire, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr John Makower, MBE, MC, and Mrs Makower, of Holmwood, Binfield Heath, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr D. D. Rendel and Miss S. E. H. Taylor

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs A. M. Rendel, of 6 Stanford Road, W8, and Susan, daughter of Dr and Mrs W. H. Taylor, of Clare House, Cressington Park, Liverpool.

Mr T. R. Russell-Smith and Miss S. Gibson Harris

The engagement is announced between Timothy Hugh, eldest son of Dr R. S. Russell-Smith and the late Mrs Russell-Smith, of Southampton, and Susanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. M. Gibson Harris, of Barnes, London, SW13.

Mr R. C. Turner and Miss R. J. Cartwright

The engagement is announced between Roger, youngest son of Sir Mark and Lady Turner, 3, The Grove, Highgate Village, London N6, and Jane, eldest daughter of the Bishop of Plymouth and Mrs R. F. Cartwright, Bishop's Lodge, Yelverton, Devon.

Mr M. M. F. Wright and Miss J. E. C. Coulter

The engagement is announced between Michael Marius Fenn, son of Mr Gerard Wright, QC, and Mrs Wright, of Woolton, Liverpool, and Jane Elizabeth Crichton, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Crichton Coulter, of Spratton, Northamptonshire.

Latest appointments

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies, to be a member of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Mr I. Wrigglesworth, MP, to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Lyon, Minister of State Home Office.

Sir Ian Maclennan, Mr Colin George and Mr John Roper, MP, to be members of the Independent Broadcasting Authority general advisory council.

Mr A. K. Pallot to be secretary of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and director-general in succession to Mr W. J. Chalmers.

Correction

Mr Louis Tarlo's win in the British Bridge League's Gold Cup last weekend was his sixth, not his third, as reported yesterday.

Receptions

Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh

On Thursday, April 25 a reception was held in The Merchants' Hall, Edinburgh, when the master of the merchant company, Mr Hugh Rose, on behalf of the company, presented a pipe banner to The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).

The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General W. T. Campbell, accepted the banner on the regiment's behalf.

Air League

Mr Edward Bishop, MP, and Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, MP, held a reception in the House of Commons last evening for Sir Basil Smallpeice, chairman, and the council of the Air League. Among those present were:

Lord Bowden, Minister of State for Industry, Mr S. Clinton Davis, Under Secretary of State, Department of Trade, Mr Ian Gilmour, MP, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Harry Cobb, Air Commodore R. Niven, Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, Lord Trefgarne and Mr Kenneth Warren, MP.

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr J. N. Cooper, chairman of the council of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr G. T. Checketts, chairman of the Romanian section of the chamber, were hosts yesterday at a reception given by the section in honour of the Romanian Ambassador. Also present were:

Mr C. Radulescu, Mr J. Pongracz, Sir William Harrison and Miss M. Z. Terry.

Luncheons

Royal College of Physicians

The president of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Cyril Clarke, gave a luncheon for the Friends of the college yesterday. The following were present:

Lord Blake, Mr R. Clark, Lord Colnbrook, Dr T. C. Evans, Mr J. D. Hutchison, Mr Joseph Lockwood, Lord Netherthorpe, Dr J. A. R. Mason, Mr G. A. Wilkin, Sir Kenneth Robinson, Dr N. D. Compston, Dame Alicetta Wiener, Dr C. E. Newman, Dr D. A. Pyke, Dr C. Fletcher, Air Melville Arnott, Dr P. Evans, Dr S. Orgel, Dr J. Badenoch, Dr C. A. Young, Dr R. D. Weakes and Mr G. M. de Tibbs.

Lunchtime Comment Club

Sir Stanley Rous, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. The chairman of the club, Mr E. C. Cornish, presided.

Royal College of Surgeons of England

Mr Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, entertained at luncheon at the college yesterday:

Sir John Ware, Mr A. E. W. Harrison, Mr John Hirfield, Mr David Trevor and Mr E. J. Dunn.

Law Society

The President of the Law Society, Mr Martin L. Edwards, gave a luncheon party at 60 Carey Street, WC, yesterday. The guests included:

The Attorney General, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Addison, Sir Denis Hamp, Mr Sheriff C. A. Hart, Mr L. de M. E. H. S. Singleton, Mr R. King, Mr Borrett Turner (secretary-general) and Mr J. T. Burton (assistant secretary-general designate).

City of Westminster Chamber of Commerce

Mr Edward du Cann, MP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon given by City of Westminster Chamber of Commerce yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Robert Stens, chairman of the chamber, presided. The guests included:

Lord Farington, Sir Frank Taylor, Alan Thomas, Mr O. C. Cadbury, Mr A. Dell, Sir Brian Curried, Mr Alfred Cox, Mr A. Jackson, Mr R. G. Peck, Mr Harold Quinton and Mr H. R. Robinson.

HM Government

The Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr David Ennals, was host yesterday at a luncheon in honour of some heads of Arab diplomatic missions in London.

OBITUARY

MR PHILIP JAMES

Services to Arts Council

Mr Philip James, CBE, who died on Monday in the age of 74, was Librarian of the Royal Academy from 1935. Earlier he had a long association with the Arts Council and its predecessor, CEMA, as art director.

He joined CEMA in 1941 as Deputy Secretary and a year later became director of art. For 17 years he worked with diligence and devotion to reveal and interpret painting and sculpture to a new and sometimes puzzled audience. He was closely involved in the selection and production of the many exhibitions which the Arts Council presents each year and credit must go to him for the part he played in winning greater acceptance and tolerance of experiment in art from the general public. His regard for the profession was as notable as his sympathy for innovation and the full call of Arts Council exhibitions presented during his time with that body is in itself a tribute to the breadth of his interests.

Philip Bruce James, the son of the Rev John C. James, was born on October 31, 1901, and educated at Stamford and University College, London. He became a barrister at the Middle Temple in 1923 and two years later joined the staff of the Victoria and Albert Museum Library, of which he was appointed Keeper in 1936. From 1939 to 1945 he was with the Ministry of Home Security. After leaving the Arts Council in 1953 he became Director of Waddesdon Manor, Buckinghamshire which had been bequeathed to the National Trust by Mr James de Rothschild. He resigned the appointment after a year and then spent four years as Secretary and Editor of the Museums Association. He was the author of *Early Keyboard Instruments; Children's Books of Yesterday; English Book Illustration 1800-1900* and books on Van Gogh and Henry Moore.

He married in 1926 Bertha, daughter of Canon T. L. Whitechurch. They had one son and one daughter.

LORD ROBERTSON OF OAKRIDGE

Lord Boyd-Carpenter writes:

Your admirable obituary of General Lord Robertson of Oakridge does less than justice to his memorable term of office as chairman of the British Transport Commission. It is true, as you say, that in that difficult post he suffered from pressures "from successive Ministers of Transport". But one at least can bear admiring witness that though unfailingly helpful and courteous he never showed excessive pliability. On the contrary he was very conscious that he had been selected by Winston Churchill to run this great enterprise, and that subject only to statutory direction the running of it was his responsibility. And he made one immense contribution to this. He realized, splendid soldier that he was, that the morale of the railwayman was the key to the recovery of the battered railway system.

By his example, his sense of duty and his powerful but loyable personality he gave to all ranks on the railways a renewed sense of purpose and a heightened morale. It was impossible to work with him and give less than one's best. His was not the least inspired of Sir Winston Churchill's appointments.

Lady Pigott, wife of Major Sir Berkeley Pigott, Bt, died yesterday at the age of 85. She was Christabel Charlotte, daughter of the Rev F. Bowden-Smith, and she was married in 1919.

Lady Waller, widow of Sir Maurice Waller, CB, died on April 19. She was Susan, daughter of H. B. Varwell, and she was married in 1916. Her husband died in 1932.

MR GEORGE CRADDOCK

Former MP for South Bradford

Mr George Craddock, Labour Member of Parliament for South Bradford from 1949 to 1970, died on Sunday at the age of 77.

Born on February 2a, 1897, the son of Amos George Craddock, a boot operative of Northampton, he was educated at Firres College and Birmingham University. He began work as a railway clerk and in 1918 joined the Labour Party. He showed such organizing and administrative ability, and threw himself wholeheartedly into the task of building the Labour Party in the Midlands and the Black Country on firm foundations. He became Vice-President of the Sparkbrook (Birmingham) division of the Labour Party, and soon was elected president of the King's Norton division.

From 1929 to 1936 he was the Labour Party agent for the Thornbury Parliamentary division of Gloucestershire. In 1936 he became area organizer for the National Union of Distributive and Allied workers in Sheffield, where he settled, and held that office for 13 years. In 1949 and 1953 he was the treasurer of the Sheffield Trades and Labour Council, and sat on the city council.

In 1949 M. F. Immington, the Labour Member for South Bradford, died and Craddock was chosen to succeed him. No sitting 1918 had the South Bradford Labour Party chosen a candidate who had not been nominated by the Bradford Co-operative Party. At the by-election in December Craddock held the seat with a 4,022 majority. On polling day his wife died. She was Dr Miriam Kimberley and had been his constant companion and team-mate and had taken a keen interest in political and municipal affairs.

In the Commons Craddock usually sat rather to the left of his party leaders and in December 1954, he was one of the "rebels" from whom the Labour Party Whip was withdrawn after he had voted with other Labour members against German rearmament. He was supported by his divisional Labour Party and the Whip was later restored to him. He held his seat until 1970.

He is survived by the daughter of his first marriage and his second wife, Margaret Merrill, whom he married in 1962.

SIR JOHN DUNLOP

Sir Douglas Busk writes:

You record the death of Sir John Dunlop. May I add my comments on his work as Commissioner for Hampstead Harbury where he was much beloved?

His first step was never to use his military rank of brigadier. To all he was Dr Dunlop.

Secondly his courage. When the British decided to blow up the enormous concrete Flak tower (a combination of air raid shelter and anti-aircraft gun emplacement) the Municipality, who wished to keep it to house refugees, objected. They maintained that the explosion would wreck the tunnel under the Elbe, near by. "JK" consulted the RE who were to be responsible for the destruction and then announced that at the hour fixed he and he alone would sit in the tunnel to show his confidence in the RE. An armchair was carried in and he read the local newspapers (his German was fluent) for what he later told me had been a rather worrying and lonely vigil. He, and the tunnel, survived undamaged and from that moment on JK was persona grata in Hamburg.

Mr John Penry Jones, OBE, of Sidmouth, Devon, who has died at the age of 87, was a member of the Zanzibar administration from 1922 to 1939. He was appointed Provincial Commissioner in 1931 and Assistant Chief Secretary in 1937. He was recalled during the 1939-1945 War to administer the Cayman Islands.

Roman Catholic and Baptist accord on unity

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

The two ends of the religious spectrum, the Baptist Union and the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, are the first church bodies to agree to the setting up of a permanent Christian unity commission in Britain.

The Baptist Union assembly gave an overwhelming vote in favour yesterday after a debate which had appeared to indicate a more evenly divided result. The resolution contained a reservation maintaining the spiritual autonomy of each local Baptist church but declared that "God wills the visible unity of all Christ's people".

The Roman Catholic hierarchy announced at the weekend that it would wish to join in establishing a commission and share the cost of administration.

The proposal for a commission emerged from a series of conversations involving all the main Christian denominations, which became known as "talks about talks". The United Reformed Church, which took the leading part, will decide its own attitude next week.

Both in that church and in the Methodist Church, which will debate the matter at the Methodist Conference in the summer, there has been little controversy and their decisions are virtually a foregone conclusion. In July the General Synod of the Church of England will discuss it and some expressions of hesitation are likely to be heard.

Apart from the Church of England, the Baptist and the Roman Catholic decisions were most in doubt. The Rev John Huxtable, general secretary of the United Reformed Church, who was chairman of the "talks about talks", said yesterday that the Baptists' and Roman Catholics' attitudes were likely to help the Church of England to decide.

Latest wills

Residuary estate for homoeopathic research

Mrs Betty Vanda Porter, of Pond Soderick, Braddan, Isle of Man, left £87,661 net (duty paid £16,325). After legacies totalling some £9,000 she left the residue to the Homoeopathic Research and Educational Trust, Powis Place, Bloomsbury, London.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Morgan, Mr William Edwin, of Grafton, Herefordshire (duty paid £9,192) .. .. £129,[illegible]
Preston, Mr Ivor Kerrison, of Merstham, Surrey, solicitor (duty paid, £125,892) .. .. £342,[illegible]
Simpson, the Rev Frederick Arthur, of Trinity College, Cambridge (duty paid, £48,073) £117,[illegible]

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh attends the annual dinner of the Royal Academy, Piccadilly, 7.25.

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips attend the Anglo-Ethiopian Society's annual dinner, the United Service Club, 7.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has luncheon with the members of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Grocers, Grocers' Hall, 12.40.

Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Tapestry Court, Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, 10-6.

Exhibition of alphabets and written books, Tudor and Stuart periods, British Museum, 10-5.

Dartmouth entries

The following have been successful for entry as midshipmen to the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth:

R. J. Anders, G. J. Barrow, T. A. [illegible], D. B. Hosking, S. J. Jacks, A. N. J. Jones, P. Lambert, M. R. Langton, R. M. J. Levine, P.

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Present restraint on bank lending and money supply growth to stay

By Ian Morison

In setting the banks their deposit growth targets for the second half of 1974, the Bank of England indicated yesterday that the growth of the money supply and of bank lending will remain subject to the same broad degree of restraint as is already in force.

Consequently, there will be practically no change in the permissible rate of growth in the banks' interest-bearing deposits before they start to incur penal special deposit requirements.

But the Bank stressed that the scheme would continue to be kept under review and was capable of being operated flexibly.

Under the original terms of the scheme, announced on December 17, penalties will be incurred if a bank's net interest-bearing deposits rise by over 8 per cent between the average figures for October, November and December, 1973, and April, May and June, 1974.

The Bank promised at the time to announce the terms for the remainder of this year by the end of April.

These new terms retain the average figure for the final quarter of 1973 as the base level for the scheme and allow the banks to increase their interest-bearing deposits by an additional 1.5 per cent during each subsequent rolling three-monthly period.

Taking the end-1973 base figure as 100, a bank will therefore remain free from penalties as long as its interest-bearing deposits average no more than 108 in April, May and June, 109½ in May, June and July, 111 in June, July and August, and so forth, rising to 117 for the final three months of the year.

If its deposits rise to levels higher than the scale of penalties will [illegible] that paid down in December [illegible] the deposits are up [illegible] percentage point above the level, the bank will have [illegible] over non-interest-earning deposits amounting to 5 [illegible] cent of the excess.

If the excess [illegible] 1 and 3 percentage points [illegible] supplementary special [illegible] rises to 25 per [illegible] and thereafter to 50 per [illegible].

If anything, the [illegible] are fractionally more [illegible] than the old ones. The [illegible] per cent target represents [illegible] compound monthly growth [illegible] 29 per cent. Extrapolated [illegible] rate, the old terms would have been slightly more restrictive than the new ones until July [illegible].

The purpose of the scheme remains to control lending by constraining the banks' ability to finance their [illegible] with interest-bearing deposits.

Although its effectiveness so far this year has been enhanced by the sluggishness [illegible] advances during three-day week, some banks still seem likely to incur penalties at the lowest end of the scale when the first [illegible] supplementary special deposit is due on July 15.

Commercial Union in £30.9m office block deal

By John Pender

Three leading investment institutions have bought a 36 per cent stake in Commercial Union Assurance's freehold offices in the City of London in a deal that puts a value of nearly £86m on the building. It is the largest single property transaction since the financial crisis started last year and may help restore a little confidence to a badly shaken property market.

British Railways Pension Fund, Legal and General Assurance (Pensions Management) and the Post Office Staff Superannuation Fund have paid a total of £30.9m in cash for their stake in a consortium which was formed to acquire the 250,000 sq ft building. The remaining member of the consortium is Commercial Union itself, which will own 64 per cent and continue to occupy the building.

A value of just under £86m is considerably less than the figures of over £100m that were canvassed when a sale was first mooted last year. The transaction indicates, however, that there is still an institutional market in certain kinds of property.

This is in spite of the uncertainties that have led to liquidity difficulties for a number of companies and to talks between the Bank of England and Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, reported in *The Times* last Saturday.

The rent for the building is around £20.50 per square foot and the implied yield is 6 per cent. Since the very low yields that were seen in the property market last year were not tested by a building of this size, some property men yesterday found the outcome of the transaction encouraging. The yield is not as high as many expected.

However, the significance of the deal for the whole market is difficult to judge. Two-thirds of the building is let to Commercial Union at an up-to-date rent on five-year rent reviews with a 50-year lease. Uncertainty about the duration of rent control was therefore not as important as it might have been.

The transaction is also unusual in that the Commercial Union is involved both as landlord and tenant. And it is perhaps significant that two potential members of the consortium have dropped out since last November.

The insurance group intends to use the cash acquired in the deal to widen the spread of its United Kingdom investment portfolio.

Pension Funds Finance: The National Coal Board Pension Funds are to provide £10m of finance for Investment and Property Holdings, the property group run by Mr Barry Abbott, a former director of Sovis. The funds have been earmarked for an office development to be called Broken Wharf House and an existing modern office block, Sir John Lyon House, both in Upper Thames Street in the City.

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Reconstruction plan for Vavasseur after shares are suspended

By John Whitmore

Fresh reverberations from the continuing crisis in the secondary banking and property markets were felt yesterday with the news that the shares of J. H. Vavasseur, the banking and financial services group headed by Sir Gordon Newton, had been suspended for the second time in just over two months, and that the company was to undergo a major capital reconstruction.

The bones of the reconstruction scheme involve the establishment of a new company, J. H. Vavasseur Group, to be headed by Sir Ian Morrow, company doctor and former deputy chairman of Rolls-Royce (1971).

Shareholders of the present company will be offered 20 per cent of the equity in the new company, while loan stock holders will receive a new loan stock in respect of half their holding and 80 per cent of the equity in the new company in respect of the other half. Assuming the scheme is approved, there will then be a £1m rights issue to provide new working capital.

Trouble at Vavasseur, which early in 1973 paid nearly £20m for Mr John Bentley's Barclay Securities, started late last year as the withdrawal of deposits from the secondary banking sector started to gather pace. Vavasseur, which was believed to have deposits in the region of £17m, suffered as much as any and in December Hambros, which has been associated with the company during its rapid growth of the previous few years, and Lloyds, The company's clearing bankers, put together a rescue operation.

But that in itself was not enough to prevent Vavasseur from running into fresh problems. On February 19 The Stock Exchange took the unusual step of temporarily suspending dealings in the company's shares without first consulting either the company or its brokers.

The same evening the company confirmed that not only had it suffered withdrawals from the banking subsidiary but also that there had been mounting withdrawals from its life assurance company—subsequently sold to the Prudential for a nominal consideration.

Although dealings in the shares resumed the following morning, it was clear that a long reappraisal was needed of the group's future policy. But while this has been going on and the group's 1973 accounts drawn up, the plight of the company has apparently deteriorated, particularly as a result of the increasing malaise in the property market—to which Vavasseur was heavily committee in much the same way as many of the other secondary banks.

In early March the group managed to realize some £3.4m in cash through the sale of its 49 per cent stake in Major Holdings, a Canadian group, but the proposed sale of the group's 51 per cent interest in Roeday Properties fell through.

When the shares were suspended yesterday morning (at the request of the company) they stood at 19½p, against a price of 30p at the time of the last suspension and a peak last year of 235p.

The price of the loan stock, about a quarter of which is held by Slater, Walker and just under a tenth by Jessel Securities, stood at 45. Full details of the scheme are to be published on about May 20.

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BP and ICI go-ahead for £100m plant on Teesside

By Malcolm Brown

The announcement yesterday that BP and ICI are to go ahead with a £100m olefine plant on Teesside ended weeks of speculation on the future of the scheme following the decision of Shell Chemicals UK in March not to participate.

The plant, which will be built on ICI's Wilton site, will be linked to BP Chemicals, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, plant by a 140-mile pipeline. The partners, BP Chemicals International and ICI expect to get around £18m in government aid under the Industry Act.

The greater proportion of the costs will be shared equally; the main feedstock will be naphtha, but it is hoped North Sea oil will eventually be used to some extent.

Dr Arthur Taylor, chairman of the petrochemicals division of ICI, described the project as "a very significant step." Mr John Hunter, managing director of BP Chemicals International, said it was "an expression of faith in the United Kingdom chemical industry by two major companies."

Mr Hunter said the joint project dovetailed with BP's plans for Grangemouth, where it was hoped to expand existing derivative plants and to install a benzene plant.

Mr Hunter issued a warning in connexion with cash flow: "In recent years, certainly speaking for BPCI, our cash flow has been woefully inadequate, but conditions have improved, particularly in free markets, and this improvement needs to be consolidated and maintained if we are going to bring all our plans to fruition."

The olefine plant which should be completed by the end of 1977, will have a capacity of 500,000 tonnes of ethylene a year. Between 250 and 300 people are expected to be directly employed.

Government will take major stake in N Sea oil, Dr Strang says

By Roger Vielvoye

The British Government will not act as a sleeping partner when it takes a major stake in Britain's offshore oil operations. It became clear yesterday that it will use a majority holding to determine the future development of the United Kingdom oil industry.

Dr Gavin Strang, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Energy yesterday went a long way to clearing up some of the uncertainties about Government policy towards North Sea nationalization at a conference in Norway.

Only last week, one oil company chief said it was not certain what the Government would do with a majority shareholding in offshore operations and appealed for new taxation measures to ensure that Britain obtained maximum benefits from the oil discoveries.

Dr Strang said the maximum benefits could only be obtained through a measure of public ownership and control. "I note that some of the oil companies now argue that the British Government should confine itself to taxing the profits from the oil. I must emphasize that the Government rejects this approach."

But there were some words of comfort for the companies. Dr Strang said the Government accepted that if the oil companies were to continue to play a role in the development of these indigenous resources, they must secure an attractive return on their investment—"one which reflects the risks involved in North Sea oil exploration".

He added: "But the partnership will be one in which the resources of the oil companies are harnessed to the national interest which ultimately can only be determined by the Government."

He made a plea for "open dealing" between the Government and the oil majors. "The companies live in a competitive market, but they will know that any responsible Government should take reasonable action to safeguard the national interest in the radically altered circumstances in which we now find ourselves."

He said the Government had already started to implement policies which would secure substantial benefit from North Sea oil for the people of Scotland.

In the short term, the Government wanted to see Scottish industry obtaining a much larger share of the offshore market. In the longer term, it intended to implement its commitment to use the revenues from North Sea oil to improve employment conditions in Scotland. The machinery for achieving this was being worked out.

Mr W. J. George, British Petroleum's exploration and production coordinator for Britain and Ireland, told the conference that Britain could be producing five million barrels of oil a day from its offshore areas by 1984. But he warned the estimate was "highly speculative", as it assumed production from waters where no indication of oil or gas had yet been found.

Big banks offer access to cheque clearing system

By Our Financial Correspondent

The London clearing banks have agreed to offer all non-clearing banking institutions direct access to their automated cheque clearing system.

Any non-clearer which provides its customers with current account facilities will shortly be able to apply to a clearing bank for an "agency arrangement" of the kind now enjoyed only by the Trustee Savings Banks, the Co-operative Bank and a few other deposit banks.

Under this arrangement, its cheques will be processed in exactly the same way as a clearing bank's own cheques.

The purpose is to streamline the clearing system by reducing the need for what is known as "walks clearing"—the manual processing of cheques drawn on non-clearers and their subsequent delivery, usually by messenger, to the paying institution.

The number of non-clearers on whom cheques are drawn has risen sharply in recent years. There are now some 640 non-clearing bank branches in the country to which each of the clearing banks may need to deliver cheques each day: typically, more than 2,000 daily delivery operations are required.

Under the agency arrangements, cheques will be passed for settlement through the same clearing channels as cheques drawn on clearing banks and will eventually be debited to an account held by the non-clearer with [illegible] agent.

The present "[illegible]ling" facilities are provided free of charge to non-clearing banks. By contrast they will [illegible] to pay a negotiable fee to the clearing bank of their choice for the new arrangement.

However, those non-clearers with London branches will no longer be required to make settlement on the day their cheques are presented. Thus they will enjoy an extra day's use of the money involved before it is finally debited.

For out-of-town non-clearers, whose cheques take longer to settle, the arithmetic of the new arrangements may prove the clearers' favour. It is these banks which are invited to join the new scheme first: it will be extended to banks within the London "town" and "country" areas within the next months.

Two types of agency arrangement will be available. Larger non-clearers will be able to take advantage of a clearing service handling credit and debit items. In the majority of cases, however, the more limited debit agency service, handling cheques only, will be appropriate.

At present the London clearing banks handle about [illegible] million cheques a day—a figure which dwarfs the 140,000 drawn on non-clearers. But clearers have to employ hundreds of messengers and clerical staff to process the clearers' cheques.

EEC president told to speed deal with America

By Peter Jay
Economics Editor

The foreign ministers of the Common Market have instructed M Francois-Xavier Ortoli, President of the EEC Commission in Brussels, to bring the present tangled Gatt negotiations with the United States about compensation for enlargement of the Community to a swift conclusion.

This, it is hoped, will help to pave the way for the passage of President Nixon's Trade Bill through Congress.

The negotiations, under Article 24 (6) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, have been making very slow progress; and the deadline for agreement was recently put back two months to the end of August.

The Americans have been complaining loudly about Euro-pean prevarication; and this has been one important reason for Congress' dilatoriness in passing the Trade Bill.

The foreign ministers, who reached their decision to give M Ortoli sharp marching orders at their recent gathering near Bonn, attach great importance to maintaining the momentum of trade liberalization through the Gatt.

They also saw it as important to help the forces of liberalization in Washington against the protectionists by removing an obvious excuse, perhaps reason, for holding up the Trade Bill.

M Ortoli's instructions still leave the Commission some discretion in settling the final details of the negotiations. But the basic political decision to settle soon should inject a wholly new atmosphere into what have until now been markedly desultory sessions.

Herbert pays £68,400 to ex-director

Alfred Herbert, the £2¾m machine tool concern, has agreed to pay compensation of £68,400 to Mr Albert Eric Smith, formerly the finance director, who resigned from the board last September. Sir Richard Young, who has stepped down as chairman of Herbert while remaining a director, is now involved in talks with the company over the question of compensation.

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10 pc cut in petrol deliveries to stay

The major oil companies are to continue 10 per cent cuts in petrol deliveries for the present although the last allocation period ended at midnight. There has been no announcement yet from the Government of its intentions for May.

Tougher Norway terms

From Bjorn Bostrup
Oslo, April 30

The Norwegian government has presented the oil companies with new and much stricter conditions for future concessions, the Oslo newspaper *Aftenposten* reports today.

In negotiations for new concessions the Government has demanded participation on a sliding scale of from at least 50 per cent to 80 per cent, according to yield.

The scale, according to *Aftenposten*, runs from a production of 50,000 barrels a day to 400,000 barrels. This comes on top of the existing sliding scale on which royalties rise with the rate of production.

The demands must be seen in the light of the Norwegian oil policy of maintaining a relatively slow rate of production, to make it digestible by Norway's international and external economy.

The oil companies have received the new demands with surprise. Whether they finally accept what is complete government domination in addition to very stiff economic conditions is an open question, but as long as some are prepared to accept, the pattern is unlikely to change.

The policy will make the new government-owned oil company, Statoil, the largest single partner in the North Sea, not to mention future developments north of the 62nd parallel.

However, the pace set by Britain in the North Sea may force the Norwegian Government to a quicker rate of exploitation than otherwise would be judged desirable.

An unknown factor in Norway's oil policy is the form and extent of Nordic energy cooperation. Here the tables have turned since the negotiations for Nordic economic cooperation—the Nordoek Plan—in 1968 and 1969.

Then Sweden was in a strong position because of its advanced research in atomic energy. Now the trump card is in the Norwegian hand.

Discussions are going on for Nordic energy cooperation, obviously based on Norwegian oil and gas resources, but so far the politicians have been silent on the subject. It is known, however, that Sweden especially is willing to make large investments in joint ventures.

CEGB still favours US reactor

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

The Central Electricity Generating Board is standing firm on its choice of an American design of light-water reactor (LWR) for its proposed next programme of nuclear power stations, which is to be debated in the Commons tomorrow.

The Select Committee on Science and Technology was mistaken, the board believes, in some of its comments in its recent report on reactor choice. The board disagrees with the committee on questions of LWR safety and of the availability of the British steam-generating heavy-water reactor (SGHWR).

A report by Sir Alan Cottrell, then chief scientific adviser to the Government, on the risk of rapid fracture in LWR pressure vessels was quoted by the committee. The CEGB view is that they would ensure high standards of quality in the design and manufacture of the vessels and that regular ultrasonic inspections would be carried out.

None of the committee's witnesses said that LWRs were unsafe or unacceptable for United Kingdom sites, the board notes. Reported doubts concerning nuclear safety in the United States were concentrated on LWRs simply because of the large American programme of LWR construction.

The committee mentioned the possibility of redesign of the pressurized water reactor (PWR), the type of LWR preferred by the CEGB, which would "virtually mean building a United Kingdom prototype". The board's answer would be that no redesign of the reactor vessel or the primary circuit components is envisaged—merely minor changes.

Discussing alternative systems, the committee mentioned that the SGHWR was a modular design on which much of the development work had been completed.

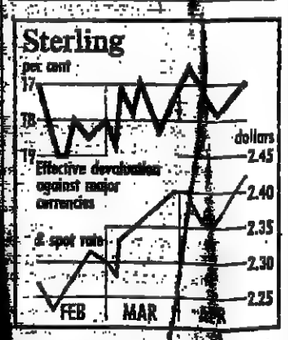
But, the CEGB would argue, there are many major reactor components and systems outside the "standard" pressure-tube module. The design of many of these items would be changed radically in a commercial-sized (1,300 MW) reactor.

The present knowledge of PWR safety, the board believes, justifies an early choice of this system for Britain's immediate needs.

The board's insistence on a proven system follows its bitter experience with the advanced gas-cooled reactors (AGRs). They were chosen in 1965 for service in 1970-74, but none has yet attained commercial service, capital costs have risen by an average of 50 per cent, derating appears unavoidable and the service life is doubtful.

Had they produced power on time, consumers' electricity bills might now be five per cent lower than they are.

Sterling



Mark speculation as trade figures awaited

By Melvyn Westlake

Speculation on a possible fresh revaluation of the West German mark continued unabated in the currency markets yesterday.

The German trade figures for March, expected later this week, are widely expected to show a record monthly surplus. However, with many Continental financial centres closing early because of the May Day holiday, the dollar managed a fight-ally [illegible] several days of heavy buying.

The American currency is at its lowest level since the beginning of the oil crisis last [illegible]. Even the record level of interest rates in the United States have not been sufficient to offset the selling, triggered off by the deterioration of the American trade balance, which has gone back into deficit, in part and the accelerating rate of United States inflation.

As a result the contrast with the German position is becoming increasingly stark. The mark now is some 9 per cent above its [illegible] dollar parity established after its revaluation last [illegible].

Though many Germans have claimed that a [illegible] of the mark is [illegible] in the context of floating [illegible], this has been ignored by [illegible] operators who [illegible] the mark to be formally [illegible] against other currencies [illegible] the joint European float [illegible] with other European currencies, sterling has benefited [illegible] from this trend. [illegible] last night at $2.4245, [illegible] dollar, down ¼ cent [illegible], after earlier touching [illegible] its highest level for [illegible] months.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 118.72+0.13
F.T. index: 297.9+2.4

Rises

Barclays Bk	7p to 255p
BICC	2p to 120p
Courtaulds	2p to 102p
Debenhams	3p to 74p
Hopkinsons	10p to 310p
Imp Chem Ind	2p to 221p
Lloyds Bk	7p to 225p
Lesney	4p to 27p
Mirror	2p to 25p
Midland	7p to 250p
REP	3½p to 31p
Richardson, A.	33p to 140p
Slater Walker	8p to 168p
Valor	6p to 77p

Falls

Arb-Latham	10p to 220p
Bowater Corp	1p to 156p
Bracken Mines	10p to 250p
Cannon St	2½p to 18p
Dew, G.	30p to 115p
Jessel Toynbee	10p to 63p
Kinross	10p to 550p
Peko Wallsend	10p to 350p
Smith St Aubyn	7p to 75p
Seccombe Mar	10p to 305p
Town Cen Secs	2p to 19p
Unilever	8p to 287p
Union Discount	10p to 220p
Welkom	10p to 460p

Equities turned higher after a dull start.

Gilt-edged securities had a good session.

Sterling fell 71 points to $2.4245. The "effective devaluation" rate was 16.95 per cent.

Gold eased 25 cents to $169.25.

Commodities: Copper gained £24.50 while tin topped £4,000 a tonne for the first time with a rise of £24. Zinc jumped £30 and LME silver rose 6.75p. Cocoa was at a new peak. Reuters index was 4.6 up at 1,405.4.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.625
Austria Sch	43.00	43.00
Belgium Fr	96.75	94.00
Canada $	2.39	2.34
Denmark Kr	14.60	14.20
Finland Mkk	9.10	8.85
France Fr	11.95	11.65
Germany DM	6.10	5.90
Greece Dr	71.50	69.25
Hongkong $	12.30	11.95
Italy Lr	1680.00	1635.00
Japan Yn	690.00	665.00
Netherlands Gld	6.40	6.20
Norway Kr	13.20	12.85
Portugal Esc	58.50	55.75
S Africa Rd	1.78	1.715
Spain Pes	144.50	139.50
Sweden Kr	10.60	10.30
Switzerland Fr	7.30	7.05
US $	2.485	2.435
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.00	35.25

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Blackman & Conrad Ltd

Another Record Year

Salient points from the circulated review of the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr David Alderman.

★ It is with great pleasure that I report further growth in group profits before taxation. Total dividends for the year of approximately 1.93p per share* (1.84p) are the maximum allowed by legislation.

★ The results are gratifying insofar as during the year we have had a period of integration in respect of Lybro Ltd. and this acquisition is now making a satisfactory return. Fashion Industries (Hartlepools) Ltd., the other acquisition, has expanded production to provide for the increased requirements of Marks & Spencer Ltd.

★ The formation of Daniel Scott Ltd., the purpose of which is to give the group a direct outlet to stores and other retailers, has been successful and represents a further broadening of our operational base.

★ The difficult period through which we have just passed has not affected the group turnover and a healthy order book enables us to view the future with optimism.

★ Our main customers have now made their selections for the autumn of 1974 and we are more than satisfied with the manner in which the group ranges were received.

5 YEAR GROWTH RECORD

	Profit Before Taxation	Profit After Taxation (Note 1)	Issued Share Capital	Earnings per Share as adjusted for scrip issues	Dividends per Share (gross) as adjusted for scrip issues
	£	£	£	p	p
1969	261,223	143,273	268,146	2.23	1.13
1970	296,733	166,333	321,776	2.58	1.45
1971	475,621	277,477	342,626	4.05	1.75
1972	555,847	329,204	416,593	3.95	1.84
1973	724,104	439,247	439,231	5.00	1.93*

NOTES: 1. No adjustment has been made in the above profit figures for pre-acquisition profits of companies acquired. The amounts stated for 1971 and 1972 are after deducting the minority interest.
2. The dividends per share for 1973 include the tax credit attributable thereto.

* As stated at the Annual General Meeting, due to the increase in standard rate of income tax in the current tax year total dividends for 1973 amount to 1.98p per share and not as previously stated.

Pittard GROUP
makers of the finest fashion leathers in the world

Highlights from the Accounts and Statement by the Chairman, Mr. D. W. Pittard.

* The Directors recommend a total dividend of 11.57625% which together with the tax credit is equal to 16.5375% (1972: 15.75%) the maximum permitted.
* The continued smooth integration of the Group has resulted in considerable savings and the development and marketing of new leathers gives us a much wider base in the world leather industry.
* We have continued to pursue our policy of expanding our export business and we now sell to 40 different countries.
* With the present uncertainty it would be reckless to make a specific forecast for 1974, but I am confident that your Group will come through the year satisfactorily.

Year ended 31 December	1973	1972
Sales	£9,925,000	£8,240,000
Profit before taxation	1,037,000	1,386,000
Profit after taxation	558,000	849,000
Ordinary dividend gross	16.5375%	15.75%
Net earnings per share	11.4p	17.4p

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available from
N. F. Wood, Esq., Pittard Group Limited, Sherborne Road, Yeovil, Somerset.

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FINAL DIVIDEND 1973

With reference to the announcement dated 26th April, 1974 regarding the FINAL DIVIDEND for the year 1973 on the shares of N Fls.20 registered in the U.K. Section of the Amsterdam Register, Royal Dutch Petroleum Company announces that the rate of exchange fixed for the payment of the dividend is N.Fls 6·3365 = £1. The gross amount of the dividend will be 59·181p per share and the amount of the 25% Netherlands Dividend Tax will be 14·795p per share; the net amount payable will therefore be 44·386p per share.

1st May, 1974 ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM COMPANY

Price panel criticizes delays in profit reports

By Hugh Clayton

The Price Commission yesterday strongly criticized industry's record of supplying information about profits and highlighted its own staffing deficiencies.

It added that half of the price inflation it had recorded from the 180 largest companies in the country in the first four months of Phase Three had been caused by the increased cost of oil.

The agency said that by the end of March 33 per cent of manufacturers in Category One and 38 per cent of those in Category Two had failed to supply the returns needed to establish profit reference levels for Phase Three.

"This is an unsatisfactory standard of compliance", the commission said.

By February 11 only 75 per cent of periodic profit reports then due had been received from Category One companies and 60 per cent from Category Two.

The commission felt that even allowing for problems arising from power restrictions, this response "reflects little credit on industry as a whole." The commission would continue to exert "all the pressures within their power on defaulters".

Distributors with annual turnover of £10m or more fared no better. By February 11 only 56 per cent of reports had arrived. "This is not a satisfactory performance," the agency said.

The commission said elsewhere in the report that although it had increased its staff since November, "the constraints imposed by the availability of suitably qualified candidates, and of accommodation and training resources, have limited what could be done".

It said that interventions in price claims from Categories One and Two had saved £600m in wholesale terms since November. The saving to consumers would be much greater.

Phase Three had been marked by sharp increases in the number and size of claims for higher prices. Costs of materials and fuel used by industry had risen at an annual rate of 85 per cent between November, 1973, and March, 1974.

In this period Category One companies had asked for rises averaging 11.3 per cent and been allowed 10.5. Comparable figures for Phase Two had been 7.2 per cent and 5.3.

Shop profits cut: The Price Commission said yesterday that the Price and Pay Code had enabled it to cut shop profits by an average of 1p in the £ since last November. But the code had also encouraged some distribution companies to push their profits up.

The commission said in its report about the first four months of Phase Three, published yesterday: "It became apparent that many distributors were increasing their margins to take advantage of their reference level ceilings.

"This is a problem inherent in almost any system of price control: as time goes by people begin to regard the profit margins and other limits set by the system as *entitlements* justifying price increases rather than as *controls* designed to keep prices down."

The commission found in its latest analysis of reports from Category Two distributors that the average gross margin for food and drink retailers was 18.7 per cent compared with a reference level of 19.8 per cent.

Comparable figures for other retailers were 34.8 and 35.6 per cent and for dealers other than those selling cars they were 18.8 and 18.4 per cent.

The commission also issued its first report on fresh food prices yesterday. In 25 pages of text and tables it establishes with some surprise that different shops charge different prices for the same product and that prices of most fresh foods except tomatoes fell between mid-January and mid-February

It also finds that for bacon and eggs supermarkets change their prices more often than other shops and that eggs everywhere respond to market movements faster than bacon.

Report for the Period December 1, 1973 to February 28, 1974: HMSO. 50p; *Report on Fresh Food Reference*; HMSO, 25p.

Leyland bid to step up direct sales to workers

By Clifford Webb

British Leyland has warned its 170,000 United Kingdom employees that with car sales falling they are in for a tough time. The warning is accompanied by an appeal to buy more new and used cars for themselves and relatives at reduced factory prices.

The move to increase direct sales is far from popular with motor traders who have to carry out unprofitable warranty work on cars they have not sold.

Ford, Chrysler and Vauxhall also sell to employees at cut prices, but their cars are delivered through distributors near their plants and they receive some profit from the sale.

Austin Morris cars, on the other hand, are sold direct from the factory and account for the great bulk of employee purchases within British Leyland.

Last night Mr Frank Higham director-general of the Motor Agents' Association, said: "This is by no means popular with the trade.

"Even cars sold to employees through local distributors bring very reduced profit margins. But I am afraid it is something which has to be accepted at a time when the manufacturers could be in for a pretty rough period."

France raises minimum hourly pay by 6.25 pc

Paris, April 30.—The Council of Ministers today decided to raise the national minimum wage from 5.60 francs (about 49p) an hour to 5.95 francs, a 6.25 per cent rise over the last increase on March 1 and 28 per cent more than last year's on May 1.

In six years the minimum has gone up 98.30 per cent, and it will have doubled by July 1.

The Minister of Information said that if the government had taken into account only the increase in the cost of living index, the minimum wage would have been raised to 5.74 francs.

The new minimum means that the average monthly wage is 1,133.25 francs, though on the basis of a 40-hour week it amounts only to 1,035.30. M François Mitterrand, the presidential candidate of the left, has undertaken to raise the minimum wage to 1,200 francs a month immediately.

All Venezuela's foreign concerns face takeover

Caracas, April 30.—All foreign companies operating in Venezuela are to be brought under Venezuelan control, President Carlos Andres Perez said in his first major address to the nation on economic policy.

Señor Perez told parliament: "The foreign companies which operate here must transform themselves into national companies through the sale of 80 per cent of their shares to Venezuelan investors."

The definition appeared to include the 20 foreign oil companies which control 95 per cent of the country's oil industry, as well as companies such as Sears Roebuck

The President gave no details of when "nationalization" would begin, but said in future foreign companies would operate in Venezuela under regulations laid down by the government.

American move to toughen taxing of oil groups

Washington, April 30.—The ways and means committee of the House of Representatives today completed work on legislation which would impose high taxes on windfall profits of oil companies and which would phase out the oil depletion allowance.

The legislation, which is meeting with strong opposition from oil companies who maintain that it would intensify the United States energy crisis, will now go to the floor of the House of Representatives, where it will almost certainly be approved.

Problems might come in the Senate, but the ball has now started rolling firmly towards increased oil company taxation.

Legislation such as this has the approval of President Nixon and has been given sharply increased support in recent days, as oil companies have announced spectacular profits for the first quarter of this year.

Japan payments plunge into record deficit

Tokyo, April 30.—Moving into the red for the first time in six years Japan suffered a record deficit of $13,445m in her overall balance of payments during the past fiscal year.

A report compiled by the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan attributes the deficit to several factors: a reduction in the country's usual surplus in visible trade; a larger deficit in invisible trade, and a deficit in the long-term capital account.

It points out that while exports increased 32 per cent to $38,973m, the sharp increase in the price of crude oil during the latter part of the year put payments on imports up 81 per cent to $38,185m.

Japan also recorded a deficit of $4,334m in invisible trade compared with $1,836m the previous year. The deficit in long-term capital balance amounted to $9,140m against $5,939m in 1972.

EEC producers in move to halt coal rundown

A plan to halt the contraction of the European coal industry so that the Community could reduce its reliance on imported oil was put forward yesterday by the Association of Coal Producers of the European Community (CEPCEO).

Production should at least be maintained at its present levels so that a long-term manpower recruitment policy could be introduced and necessary long-term investments generated, the association says. Output could only be stabilized if markets in the steel and electricity industries were guaranteed.

Big slump in house orders

Housing orders showed a heavy slump in February. The overall value of orders won by contractors for new construction work was £437m, according to figures released last night by the Department of the Environment.

This represents a decrease of 16 per cent, measured in real terms, on the monthly average for the fourth quarter of 1973 and a 38 per cent fall from the monthly average of the first quarter of 1973.

Private housing new orders fell by 27 per cent from the average level in the last quarter of 1973 and by 58 per cent from the average level in the first quarter of 1973.

Advertising and Marketing

UK businessmen have 'less trusting' attitude

British businessmen have less faith in advertising generally than have their European counterparts. This is one of the findings of a study into advertising attitudes conducted by the Marsteller Foundation and presented in London yesterday to a meeting of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising.

Answers to a variety of questions showed that Swedish and German businessmen have measurably greater confidence in advertising than their British colleagues. Most respondents in all countries thought that advertising was less essential to their own companies than to their country as a whole.

Questions such as "Can a moderate increase in advertising during a recession hasten recovery?" invoked a positive response from 64 per cent of Europeans. The German figure was 71 per cent and the United Kingdom was at the low end with 52 per cent.

Presenting the findings Mr Joe Wilkerson, vice-chairman of Marsteller in the United States, said that "it is the consistency with which the United Kingdom is on the negative side of such questions that concerns us at this particular time when aggressive selling in international markets seems to be called for".

Total's agency change

The Total Oil Company is to change advertising agencies following a revision of marketing strategies caused by the new high petrol prices. The company has appointed CWF (Cohen Whyman Freedman) to take over from McLaren Dunkley Friedlander.

The new agency is working on a campaign related to the Economy motoring rally. Total has recently taken over the sponsorship of this from Mobil and is introducing a shortened one-day event in September as well as the usual three-day rally scheduled for next March.

Total's last big advertising campaign, linked to a give-away book promotion, was in May, 1973. This year, all advertising will be associated with the Economy theme.

Elf launching

Elf Petroleum, which supplies approximately 25 per cent of French petrol and oil sales, is moving into the British market with Elf Oil at the end of 1974. The company has appointed C. Vernon & Sons to handle the launch with a budget of about £100,000.

Elf operates in Britain through its subsidiary, Sternol, which is already marketing Sternol and Speedwell oils to the industrial market. The company is heavily involved in motor racing sponsorship and has close marketing links with Renault.

Optimism over billings

The worldwide energy crisis has affected billings of only a few clients, says Mr David Ogilvy, chairman of Ogilvy & Mather International, in the company's annual report.

"In most countries such reduction in billings has been offset by billings from new clients", he said. The company remains "cautiously optimistic" of further increases in 1974.

The agency, the seventh largest in the world, had an increase of 12.2 per cent in profits in 1973. Billings rose from more than $419.5m to more than $476m (about £198.5m), a gain of 13.5 per cent.

Patricia Tisdall

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Helping modest income groups with home buying

From Mr W. J. H. Toombs

Sir, Much of what Mr Holmes, of Shelter, says about housing in his letter of April 18 is true. But he is mistaken in his view that big expansion of public sector housing by massive new building programmes is the only way, or even the most sensible way, in which ordinary working people can be assisted to obtain a decent house.

The fact is that each new council house added to the nation's stock currently costs over £1,000 a year in subsidy from rates and taxes. By contrast, each new house built for sale costs less than £250 a year in tax relief. This gap is so very wide that obviously attention must be given to ways of enabling those of modest income to buy.

This foundation has written a paper about an inflation-linked, income-related programme which could bring home ownership back within the reach of all those making average earnings, and of many earning below the national average.

Bus drivers, nurses, teachers, train drivers, and signalmen, civil service clerks, are typical of those who could benefit.

Briefly, the concept is that a beneficiary contracts to put at least 20 per cent of his income to housing. As his income rises with inflation so the need for special subsidy gradually diminishes.

For example, at current rates of inflation it would disappear altogether in five years for a typical 25-year-old teacher buying a house in the provinces.

An initial programme of this kind of 200,000 houses a year would cost only £5m more in the first year than the same number of owner-occupier houses. It would cost £7m less than the same number of council houses.

After only five years there would be no additional cost compared with owner-occupier housing, and the annual cost would be £12m less than council housing.

It may be that we have not yet sufficiently realized that in an inflationary society renting is not normally a good form of tenure for the individual. Ownership can enable the individual to share in the inflationary price rises.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. H. TOOMBS,
The Housing Research Foundation,
38 Portland Place,
London, W.1.
April 26.

From Mr R. [illegible]

Sir, It will need to do for Mr Norman Griggs to say (April 24) that building societies are in no way to blame for the present crisis in the housing market.

The reasons behind the crisis are fundamentally simple. Borrowers are able to make a profit on the increase in equity value of their property at the expense of the lenders. The way of resolving the situation would be, when a house is sold, and the equity profit realized, for a proportion of this to be paid back to the building society. It could then be used to provide a fund to make bonus payments to the lenders.

This would enable the effective interest rates paid to investors to be increased without raising mortgage rates, and by reducing the money available on moving to a further house, should have a stabilizing influence on house prices. It would enable the lenders to take a stake in the equity that is being bought with their money, and would thus be much fairer than the present system.

I would be interested to hear Mr Griggs' comments on the proposal, which would demand imaginative thought from the building society movement, something not much in evidence so far.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT [illegible]RLEY,
186 Plym[illegible] Avenue,
Eastham,
Wirral,
Merseyside.

Achieving a high wages economy

From Mr Correlli Barnett

Sir, Of course I entirely agree with your correspondent Mr G. G. Moyne in Business News (April 26) when he writes that the British plight consists in a low-wage, low-investment, low-productivity economy.

I suggest, however, that the peculiar structure, history and attitudes of British trade unionism is—and has been for a century—largely, although not wholly, responsible for this dismal cycle. You cannot pay high wages unless you have already achieved high productivity. You cannot achieve high productivity unless the workforce is prepared to operate modern machines to the utmost of the machines' capacity. Yet for all the glib talk by trade union leaders about improving productivity, everyone knows that British industry is fettered by demarcations and other restrictive practices aimed at preserving somebody's "property right" in a particular task.

This in turn must affect British industry's attitude to investment; for what, it may well think, is the point of investing vast sums in advanced processes if it is not to be permitted to work them to their full potential.

Surely, therefore, the necessary switch to a high-wage economy cannot be achieved in isolation, by the process of "free collective bargaining" (ie, extortion of money by menace or force), but only in step with a parallel switch to high productivity and investment. Are Mr Scanlon's members—and other British workers—prepared to match the efficiency, flexibility, cooperativeness and zeal of German workers—or do they really simply want more money for going on as they are?

Yours faithfully,
CORRELLI BARNETT,
Cathridge House,
East Carleton, Norwich, Norfolk.

Charges for telephones

From Mrs M. Prince

Sir, If the Post Office *must* charge more for its telephone service, why does it not raise charges for individual calls, rather than the basic (and already expensive) rent?

In this way those who use the telephone service most would pay most.

Those who are willing to restrict themselves have some chance of avoiding extra expense, and, most important of all, older people and invalids, for whom telephones are a lifeline which enables them to live independently, would continue to be able to afford what to them is a necessity, not a luxury.

Yours sincerely,
MARY PRINCE,
Holman's Place,
Butleigh,
Near Glastonbury,
Somerset.

In retrospect

From Mr [illegible] W. Mowat

Sir, If it is accepted as right that the Government of the day should set aside retrospectively what it sees as the unacceptable actions of its predecessors in office there seems reason to expect that the rights of the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board Bondholders may now be restored.

ROBERT W. MOWAT,
Badgers Rake Lane,
Ledsham, Cheshire.

Taxation aid for Malta

From Mrs J. Burns de Bono

Sir, One of the things that would help Malta in the economic field would be a renewal and improvement of the suspended agreement on double taxation between England and Malta.

Another help would be to begin to pay back those who, in the hour of England's need, lent capital to finance the war effort in War Loan, now a debt of thirty or more years old. Any private firm who renegged on debts of £1,900m would be declared bankrupt: if at least some attempts were to be made to release this loaned capital, so that it could be employed in development, would make England more credit-worthy overseas, and relieve much hardship among elderly and trusting creditors.

Yours truly,
JOSEPHINE BURNS DE BONO,
6 The Gardens,
St Julians, Malta, GC.

Pointed referendum

From Mr J. A. Carlsen

Sir, While he's at it, couldn't Mr Wilson hold a referendum into decimalization as well? It would certainly be more to the point!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. CARLSEN,
157 Kenley Road,
Merton, London, SW19.
April 25.

Thomas Jourdan Limited

Group Preliminary Statement for the year ended 31st December, 1973

	Year ended 31.12.73	Year ended 31.12.72
Turnover	£2,497,406	£1,417,040
Royalties	£158,153	£138,054
General Industrial	£2,339,253	£1,278,986
Pre-Tax Profits	£357,463	£273,998
Royalties	£153,486	£129,792
General Industrial	£203,977	£144,206
Earnings Per Share		
Fully diluted	4.79p	4.63p
Dividend		
Net total for the year	2.055p	1.1725p
Gross equivalent	3.0p	1.8p

The Group

Despite the problems posed by raw material shortages and increased costs in the second half of the year, the Group increased its profits during 1973. As the Company is free of dividend restraint for this period, the Board proposes to raise the total dividend from 1.1725p to 2.055p per share. The Group entered 1974 with a rapidly growing order book which should result in faster growth, barring any further industrial unrest or other factors outside the Group's control. The Group currently comprises:—

Knightsbridge Design holds three "Mary Quant" royalty contracts, covering cosmetics, shoes and hosiery.

Midland Designing and Manufacturing designs and manufactures special purpose machines, including tyre splicers.

Simplon Interline Trading designs and markets a wide range of portable floodlighting equipment.

W. Muncey specialises in the design and manufacture of materials handling equipment, for the car, food, and paper industries.

Highway Equipment Manufacturing manufactures tubular steel lighting columns and traffic sign posts.

Corbys and John Corby together specialise in the manufacture and sale of trouser presses.

Final dividend of 1.005p net per share will be paid on 3rd June, 1974 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 10th May, 1974. The AGM will be held on 31st May, 1974.

Thomas Jourdan Limited
Exploration House, Fishmongers' Hall Street, London EC4R 3TR

Business appointments

McKechnie Brothers deputy chairman

Mr Cecil C. Taylor has been made deputy chairman of McKechnie Brothers. Mr R. G. White, managing director of McKechnie Chemicals, has been appointed to the boards of McKechnie Britain and McKechnie Metals.

Mr Andrew M. Russell, a joint general manager of the Bank of Scotland, has taken over as treasurer and general manager of the bank in succession to Mr Thomas W. Walker who has retired.

Mr N. P. Biggs has become an additional deputy chairman of National and Commercial Banking Group and Mr J. B. Burke and Mr R. E. B. Lloyd have joined the board.

Mr Emrys Roberts has retired from full-time employment with the Tootal Group as executive director but will remain on the board in a non-executive capacity until January, 1975. Mr David Tattersall has been appointed group financial accountant, and Mr Derek Sutcliffe has been appointed group taxation manager.

Mr J. M. Slater has left the board of Greenall Whitley and Co.

Mr L. R. Dowsett, has been appointed chairman of Kingsley & Keith Chemical Group following the retirement of Mr M. H. Ostler, who continues as a non-executive director. Mr P. E. Duckworth has been appointed a director. Mr J. A. Wright and Mrs J. P. Murphy have been made directors of Kingley & Keith (Chemicals) Ltd and Mr D. W. Peffers an associate director. Mr P. E. Duckworth has been appointed managing director and Mrs J. P. Murphy a director of Cambrian Chemicals Ltd. Mr J. F. Marett becomes a director of Kingsley & Keith (International Trading).

Mr M. J. Harwood joins the board of Howard Shuttering (Holdings). Mr R. F. Chapman has relinquished his directorship of the company and all its subsidiaries, following his retirement.

Lord Fraser of Lonsdale has retired as chairman and a director of Bass Charrington Vintners and has been elected president. Mr H. Alan Walker becomes chairman and Mr D. R. Ledward, deputy chairman. Mr S. R. H. Williams remains managing director. Mr P. E. Jull has been appointed vice-chairman, Bass Charrington Sales, and Mr J. M. Newcomb managing director.

Mr Edward Chapman has been made a director of Henry Ansbacher & Co.

Mr F. Pearson is to retire as chairman of EBA Group on May 23. Mr D. M. Pearson will succeed him as chairman.

Mr Ian Farmer, chairman of Dorothy Perkins Ltd, has relinquished the chair and resigned his directorship to enable him to devote his whole time to his outside commitments.

Mr W. A. Tulloch, Mr R. V. Smith, Mr J. B. Walker and Mr G. M. A. Crawford have been appointed executive directors of Scottish United Investors (management) and Mr Tulloch has been elected chairman.

Mr G. H. Harker has joined the board of Ricardo & Co Engineers (1927).

Mr Geoffrey Sharples has resigned as a director of Northern Developments Holdings.

Mr M. J. E. G. Bower has been appointed a director of Rea Brothers.

Mr Eldon Griffiths has joined Brandts Ltd as an adviser to the board.

Mr A. J. Benstead and Mr A. M. McFarquhar join the board of Bernard Matthews.

Mr Stuart Young has been appointed a director of Anglo-Portuguese Bank.

Mr T. E. Fisher and Mr A. Anderson have been appointed chairman and managing director respectively of Midland Montagu Leasing. Other appointments to the board are Mr A. Ravenscroft and Mr A. C. L. Brown and Mr A. G. Outten. Mr Ravenscroft is relinquishing his role as managing director of Forward Leasing in order to concentrate on specialized duties within MML.

Mr Christopher Jones has joined Allied Polymer Group as managing director of Hewitt-Robins (GB).

Dr W. E. Duckworth has been elected president of the Institution of Metallurgists.

Mr A. J. Archer has been appointed director of Walter Rossiman & Co.

Mr R. J. C. Mallinson has joined the board of Alcan Booth Industries.

Mr F. S. McFadzean is joining the board of Beecham Group as a non-executive director. Mr McFadzean is chairman of Shell Transport and Trading Company.

Finance Houses' base rate cut

The Finance Houses Association base rate is being reduced by ½ percentage point to 15 per cent with effect from today. This rate is used in a number of long-term industrial and commercial instalment credit contracts.

Based on City interbank rates over the previous eight weeks, it tends to lag behind interest rates generally and therefore reflects the recent trend.

Big orders for CJB Offshore

CJB Offshore has won three big contracts for North Sea oil development. It is to undertake the overall management of the £300m project to pump oil ashore from the Burmah group's Ninian field to the north-east of the Shetlands.

It will undertake a similar project, at an estimated cost of £150m, for the Thistle field—at 530ft, the deepest oilfield yet discovered.

Rush & Tompkins Group Limited

Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Kenneth P. Rush, CBE, FICE

Revenue

Total net revenue, before taxation and minority interests, amounted to £1,533,25 (an increase of 46% if profit on sale of land is ignored.)

Dividend

We are recommending a final net dividend of 1·275p per share making a total gross dividend for the year of 3·15p per share equivalent to 12·6%.

Property Investment and Development

The total industrial space completed and let during the year was about 450,000 sq. ft. and agreements were concluded in respect of a further 175,000 sq. ft. under construction at the end of the year. Good progress has been made on two office developments in N.W. London totalling 120,000 sq. ft. One has already been let in advance of completion and negotiations are well advanced for letting the other to a single tenant on satisfactory terms.

Residential Estate Development

Despite the decline in the market the number of houses sold showed a small increase on 1972. A large residential scheme in Kensington being undertaken through a joint company is virtually complete and the great majority of flats are now under contract for sale.

Contracting

The Government's growth policy resulted in heavy demands on the construction industry during the year. This brought considerable problems in terms of shortages of labour and materials, but it did enable us to increase our turnover substantially and to be more selective in the type of contracts undertaken. Some 60% of our present workload, other than civil engineering, consists of work on a design and build, management fee, or negotiated basis.

We have for some time been active in Scotland and have recently formed a new company, Rush & Tompkins Scotland Ltd., to expand our activities there.

Overseas

The development of apartments being undertaken by an associated company in Antibes has continued to make good progress and is programmed for final completion in 1975. We are continuing to investigate further projects in Western Europe from our office in Paris but in view of the recession in certain European countries, we are reassessing our policy and we may direct our attention to countries in which we have not yet done business.

Prospects

Until Government policies are clearer it is difficult to be too specific as to the rate of growth in our rental income, but in spite of the proposed Development Gains Tax we may expect a steady increase in rents from the completion of new schemes. I believe the long term future for residential development is good. The present acute shortage of mortgages must inevitably affect our results for 1974 although I am pleased to report that so far our sales have been holding up fairly well. Our construction business both at home and overseas will be expanded wherever it proves possible to obtain suitable work on reasonable terms.

Gross Trading Revenue	1973 £	1972 £
Property Investment	653,027	548,931
Residential Estate Development	1,098,350	1,118,084
Contracting	209,933	51,326
	1,971,310	1,718,341
Share of Profits of Associated Companies	257,550	100,252
	2,228,860	1,818,593

Group Activities: Property development and investment, residential estate development and building and civil engineering contracting.

If you would like a full copy of our 1973 Annual Report and Accounts, please apply to the Company Secretary, Rush & Tompkins Group Limited, Marlow House, 109 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 7BP. Telephone: (01) 300 3388.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Property: waiting for the underwriters

The circumstances of any large property sale are almost always exceptional. To that extent the Commercial Union's partial sale of its head office is only a limited guide to the state of the property investment market. But it does indicate that some institutions are in the market for something, as does the National Coal Board Pension Fund's £10m financing package for Investment and Property Holdings.

Encouraging though that may be for property shares, more is needed to solve the immediate liquidity problems hanging over the property sector. Until there is a clear indication that a wider underwriting of property values will take place, a strong recovery remains out of court.

The most that the Government could do to ease the position would probably be to advance its statements on the duration of rent control and the future legislation that is still expected. Even that may not be politically feasible.

The clearing bankers, meanwhile, are hampered. While they can maintain their existing record lending level to the property sector by refraining from calling in advances where this would precipitate disaster, they cannot increase it under current regulations. Given the cost to their balance sheets of the secondary bank rescue operation and the demands that industry will shortly make on them in the aftermath of the three-day week, they have their own problems too.

The institutions, then, hold the key to an orderly unwinding of the mere rash transactions that were undertaken last year. Not all of them are confident in the short term until they know more about the future of rent control and fiscal legislation. It is worth noting, too, that if the CU was prepared to sell now on a yield of 6 per cent, it clearly sees a better short-term use for its funds than in property; if it was bullish it would have delayed the sale.

Moreover, the scale of an underwriting operation could be massive in view of the high gearing in the property sector. If we are talking of rescues requiring £300m, this must be weighed against the Pru's total investment in property last year of £55m. Where would the process end?

Ironically, the best theoretical solution to the problem would be a series of clearing bank takeovers of troubled property companies. This would bring back some confidence to the market, would save some bad debts in the banks' books. And an orderly realization of the properties behind the uncertainty ultimately cleared up would provide the disguised rights issues that the clearing banks might feel they need.

Unfortunately the uncertainties are too great, and the politics arguably prohibitive. Foreign depositors might also look askance at the operation. Perhaps the greatest irony, though, is that the banks' ratios of deposits to capital and reserves only look half respectable in the first place because they are bolstered by large unrealized surpluses on the property they own.

Bentley's

Bentley's tr[illegible] continues to be the dow[illegible] in capital spending on k[illegible] machines with little real [illegible] of recovery for some time [illegible] while the motor retailing [illegible] although £162,000 to the [illegible] at £1.72m, obviously faces [illegible] difficult trading period.

The remainde[illegible] the group presents a mor[illegible] encouraging picture with dep[illegible] stores managing to sho[illegible] marginal 2 per cent. improv[illegible] in the second half. [illegible] the experience in [illegible] first few months in the cu[illegible] year has been fairly good, [illegible] Selfridges, altho[illegible] the performance at Lew[illegible] has been slightly slow[illegible]

Recovery is co[illegible] through on the footwear s[illegible] after the slight setback in th[illegible] half of last year, whi[illegible] flight from currency h[illegible] produced buoyant trading [illegible] in jewelry, particula[illegible] the higher end of the [illegible]

At this stage, [illegible] profits is as much [illegible] be expected. Thus, th[illegible] are selling at around 7[illegible] earnings and yielding [illegible] More interesting on [illegible] is the convertible [illegible] per cent at £55½ wit[illegible] lent conversion pr[illegible] Meanwhile, net cash [illegible] so accounts for a [illegible] market capitalizatio[illegible] must help underpin [illegible] this stage.

Final: 1973/74 (1972[illegible]
Capitalization £161m
Sales £524m (£472m)
Pre-tax profits (£46.53m)
Earnings per share 5.[illegible]
Dividend gross 2.61p

RHP

Showing its paces

An increase of five [illegible] interim pre-tax profit[illegible] some Hoffman Pollard[illegible] per cent sales rise, on[illegible] tion of which represen[illegible] volume, shows how th[illegible] Kingdom ball bearing[illegible] changed last year.

True, first half earni[illegible] held back by official [illegible] straint and by the ga[illegible] but the 7 per cent over[illegible] increase allowed in [illegible] year would not account [illegible] than a modest slice of t[illegible] interim improvement [illegible] over, this period had th[illegible] day week to contend w[illegible]

What really seems [illegible] tipped the balance in [illegible] favour at last is the [illegible] impact of Japanese com[illegible] in the United Kingdom [illegible] not so much because o[illegible] tary export restraint as [illegible] the effects of yen reva[illegible] Also, RHP seems finall[illegible] getting the benefits [illegible] fairly dramatic pruning [illegible] ing ranges. Another fa[illegible] that RHP maintained [illegible] cent production in the t[illegible] week and, having goo[illegible] too, was able to switc[illegible] supply into profitable [illegible] orders while home dema[illegible] weak.

Exports were same [illegible] cent of total sales by val[illegible] year and probably ro[illegible] around 20 per cent in th[illegible] half of this year. The [illegible] potential there is a [illegible] factor given the industry e[illegible] arions of a slight fall-o[illegible] United Kingdom bearing [illegible] mand in the latter part of [illegible] in line with engineering [illegible] mand.

What matters now is wh[illegible] the Japanese will con[illegible] voluntary export rest[illegible] following recent negotiatio[illegible] although the yen-sterling p[illegible] provides some protection [illegible] way—and whether the Ja[illegible] ese NSK concern will go al[illegible] with its much more signifi[illegible] plans to build an integra[illegible] bearing factory at Peterlee.

This latter threat is not [illegible] the short-term, however, an[illegible] 31p the RHP ordinary sha[illegible] look reasonably attract[illegible]

Doubling first half earnings to give a prospective p/e ratio of around 5[illegible] probably conservative and the price is underpinned by a [illegible]0.4 per cent yield.

Interim: 1973/74 (1972/73)
Capitalization £5.46m
Sales £26.6m (£23.28m)
Pre-tax profits £1.06m (£0.202m)
Dividend [illegible] 1.625p (1.625p)

Vavasseur

Under new management

The small shareholder is hardly likely to be delighted—or surprised—about the way things have turned out at J. H. Vavasseur, and in particular may well feel puzzled by the fact that a group that had its quotation temporarily suspended less than three months ago should now find it suspended once again—albeit at the company's request on this occasion—at a price that is now a third lower.

The short answer here, if not entirely satisfactory, is that continued suspension would not have been justified so long as the group appeared to the board to be a going concern and, second, that shareholders have had an opportunity since then to cut their losses in a sector in which they have been warned all too often that they were living dangerously.

Beyond that, the shareholder may well feel that he is seeing the group cut up to the advantage of the large institutional holders of the loan stock. That should become clearer when we have the full figures, but for the moment the implication seems to be that, with underwriting guaranteed for the proposed injection of working capital, we will be left with an ongoing group with sufficient assets to make the gearing in the new capital structure considerably less frightening than it must be now.

Lesney

Material cost worries

Lesney's chief problem this year will be raw material costs. Plastic almost doubled in price last year; zinc, the other principal material, more than doubled in price in the 12 months to January 27 and shows little sign of falling.

What Lesney can and is doing is to ease its at times acute production problems. Feeder factories have been established at Abbey Wood, Chingford and Harlow, specializing in certain components and therefore avoiding bottleneck problems that face the composite factories at Hackney and Rochford, where total production can be held up by supply shortages.

Full benefits from these feeder factories should be felt this year, and already the system has helped overcome problems of the three-day week when with the help of standby generators, Lesney achieved 80 per cent of normal production and broke even over the period.

As for the continued shortage of female staff, this is easing, although the Hackney works is still understaffed. Meanwhile, the demand is apparently there to be satisfied if Lesney can get its production difficulties sorted out.

With overseas accounting for some 80 per cent of sales, Lesney ought to be fairly well insulated against a downturn at home. But costs must be a worry, and the ordinary at 27p, on a p/e ratio of 5.6, get little support from a 3.8 per cent yield and remain a speculative gamble on continued recovery.

Final: 1973/74 (1972/73)
Capitalization £7.36m
Sales £24m (£20.2m)
Pre-tax profits £2.55m (£1.[illegible]m)
Earnings per share 4.8[illegible]p ([illegible]09p)
Dividend gross 1.05p ([illegible])

Oliver Stanley looks at the Finance Bill and argues the case that

Politically motivated Budgets threaten fiscal chaos

It used to be claimed that various ingredients went in to the annual Finance Bill pudding—that you could detect in it measures designed to steer the national economy; improve social services (using the term in its widest meaning); reward political supporters, and reform the tax system itself.

In the 1974 Bill the political element is paramount. It is a bill for rewarding supporters by thumping opponents.

Higher-bracket tax rates have been increased; tax relief for interest has been withdrawn; two tax-sheltered forms of executive reward, stock options and remittance basis earnings, have been knocked on the head. Above all, property development profits are to be well and truely clobbered. The members of the tax paying community affected by these changes will, of course, be Tory voters. Indeed, it is the avowed aim of the Chancellor to tilt the balance in favour of the "average worker" and against the "better off".

Mr. Healey said in his Budget speech that the rich must pay, and he is repeatedly on record as seeking to achieve a shift in the distribution of wealth in Britain. His Finance (No. 1) Bill is only his first bite at the cherry, and in the pipeline we have a gift tax, a wealth tax and other changes.

Mr Healey believes that his predecessor favoured the better off, the single man as against the family, and "those who make money as against those who make goods". His Finance Bill is designed to reverse those trends and so "achieve national unity".

All that being so, presumably the Opposition will in course of debate now, declare itself ready and willing to reverse this year's measures when it is returned to power. (That may not apply to the whole Bill, for changes in the treatment of overseas earnings and of development profits were initiated under Mr Anthony Barber, the last Conservative Chancellor. However, he was only stealing his political opponents' clothes when he set the Revenue to work.)

Before accepting that taxation is inevitably a political weapon, a means of imposing at annual intervals successive sets of political doctrines, it is salutary to look at the recent history of taxation in this country and elsewhere.

It is not only changes in the rate of tax which are significant, but changes in the legal concept of what is a taxable income, and what is a tax-deductible outgoing. The history of gains received by way of participation in the shares of a corporate employer is a useful example because it is on the margin: you can make out an persuasive case either way—for taxation or for exemption.

It is a problem which has been in dispute for 20 years, and Clause 13 of Finance Bill 1974 represents the *sixth* attempt to regulate the position.

In 1954, after a succession of hearings by 11 judges, the House of Lords decided that a Mr Abbott was not liable (according to the law as it then was) to income tax on a gain of £166 made by exercising an option and selling shares in the company which employed him.

In 1965, gains of this nature were made liable to capital gains tax. In 1966, Mr James Callaghan, then Chancellor, changed the law, so that they became liable to income tax.

From 1966 to 1972, you could effectively avoid that rule, by technical variations.

From 1972, you did not need those variations, and you could adopt a scheme duly authorized by the Inland Revenue.

From 1974 onwards, all schemes are to be banned and such gains are to be fully liable to tax. That includes any gains which accrued during the period, when a system positively encouraging schemes existed.

You may argue that stock options are a narrow, specialized matter, affecting a limited number of tax payers. Take, instead, the question of whether the interest payable on a loan or overdraft should generally serve to reduce your taxable income. Until 1969, the answer to the question was "yes". From 1969 to 1972, the answer was "no". From 1972 to 1974, the answer was "yes", and, henceforth, the answer is to be "no" again.

Now take the question of a profit on the sale of land. Precedent cases have long determined if you deal in land and make a profit you are fully taxable. Since 1965, you may be caught for capital gains tax. Since 1969 you may be taxed on "artificial transactions" in land.

From 1974 you may be liable on "development gains". We have also had a short-term gains tax, a betterment levy, land-hoarding charges and any number of supplementary rules to achieve the objective of taking a larger cut for the state out of the property boom of the past 30 years.

What has been the effect of all this kaleidoscopically changing law? The honest answer must be that the effect does not appear sufficient to justify the appalling waste of time and energy involved.

Year after year, our legislators have solemnly pondered these issues and reached contrary conclusions. Public servants have put those contrary conclusions into operation.

The judiciary has adjudged them, and taxpayers have struggled to comply with them. Taxation now has considerable effect on commercial events, and taxpayers rearrange their affairs in the light of the consequences.

The point has been reached when the uncertainties created are bringing tax law into contempt. It is now to be rewritten for the purposes of one particular transaction—the retrospective repayment of £10m to unregistered trade unions.

As a supporter's reward, this is a precedent for fiscal chaos. Is the £10m to be recollected when the Tories get in again?

The administration is faltering—to put it mildly—under the strain. Tax dodging is assuming far too much importance, indeed the only savings or investment media which achieve any popularity are those which are tax-sheltered.

Throughout the last ten years, we have had three varieties of corporation tax, but there is no shred of evidence that any different form of taxation has had any conceivable effect—beneficial or otherwise—on the economic or social order in Britain; or that the objectives of any political party have been or can be brought nearer by the adoption of one or another set of fiscal policies.

To suppose now that wealth taxes will bring the rich to their knees, and redistribute some imaginary national kitty is ludicrous. The rich will defend themselves. Taxes on land are simply added to the price.

Every strategy in the tax wars has its counter-strategy; for every loophole that is blocked, another is opened. If avoidance fails, evasion will be the substitute.

All this being so, it is time that the annual Parliamentary ritual of Bill, Committee Stage, Report and Finance Act was brought to an end.

No other country reshapes its tax laws every year. Once in perhaps five or ten years, countries with comparable economies update their tax systems with an eye on economic objectives, not political ones. Tax rates and exemptions may need to increase more frequently in an inflationary era, but that is all.

In Britain, changes in the tax system have become immensely valuable to both political parties, only because they can be exploited to convince their supporters that their enemy in the British class war is being pounded, and their own forces rewarded.

"National unity" in Mr Healey's phrase, will not be achieved by the Finance Bill, 1974—a party document—nor any other Finance Bill.

On the contrary, taxes are being deliberately and cynically used to promote national disunity. Mr Healey's claim merely demonstrates that taxation has become far too serious a matter to be left to politicians.

The rise and fall of US controls

President Nixon's authority from the United States Congress to apply wage and price controls expired at midnight last night.

Controls were introduced on August 15, 1971, and it says perhaps little for their effectiveness that the United States currently has the highest rate of inflation in over 20 years.

The introduction of a total wage and price freeze formed part of a dramatic set of economic decisions 32 months ago that aimed, above all, to strengthen foreign confidence in the United States Government's ability to manage its economy and to change, by shock treatment, the widespread belief in the United States that prices would continue to soar.

The freeze sharply moderated the then swift upward trend of wages; brought much needed stability to farm prices and cut industrial prices. It also gave the authorities time to work on a more detailed long-term set of policies that could hold inflaton in check, cut unemployment, get the economy on the road to substantial growth and greatly strengthen international confidence in the dollar.

An elaborate bureaucratic structure was created to administer the wage and price controls, and on November 13, 1971, the second phase started, strictly regulating price rises, limiting profits, setting strict standards for wage rises and forcing companies with annual sales of over $100m to notify the Price Commission on all proposed price increases.

A considerably less stringent system of price and wage controls was introduced on January 11, 1973, and this third phase relied heavily on voluntary cooperation by companies and unions. The bureaucracy was streamlined to some extent with the creation of a cost of living council under a distinguished Harvard economist, Dr John Dunlop.

For many people the third phase was to have been the final phase. This, at least, was the way the Secretary of the Treasury, Dr George Shultz, saw it. Dr Shultz had never really favoured controls, believing that they stifled economic activity, that they could never be free of loopholes and, most importantly, that they sharply restricted the development of free and full competition—which for him was the most important of all price-regulating methods.

Dr Shultz saw the only merit of controls being the shock effect they could generate, and he has long maintained that they should only have been implemented for a short time.

The loosening of controls in early 1973 led to a price surge that stimulated inflation considerably and contributed to the wrecking of foreign confidence in the dollar once again.

The months that followed saw a new series of international currency crises and the fall of the dollar to new record low levels.

Last summer the President tightened the controls once again and this immediately produced a letter of resignation from Dr Shultz. It was only because of the deep problems the President was having in foreign policy and through Watergate that Dr Shultz was prevailed upon to delay his departure from the government.

In recent months an increasing number of sectors of the economy have been freed from controls. Few people in the administration, including Dr Dunlop, believe there is any point in continuing with broad controls.

The massive increase in world commodity prices, especially in energy and food prices, that has been seen in recent months greatly sharpened the pace of inflation.

All the same, the next couple of months are likely to see a considerable rise in prices with such key industries as steel, automobiles, health and construction all planning substantial price rises for coming weeks.

What final judgment can one make on the merit of controls, based on the American experience?

Initially the controls did achieve their intended aim and for this reason alone it would be wrong to consider all controls as a waste of time. But once one has started controls one can never end them, for as soon as they are dropped the pace of price rises becomes even greater than that which existed prior to the start of controls.

The longer controls remain in force the more resistance can be expected towards them and the more companies and unions seek to find ways around them. This has been the American experience.

Further, controls can reduce incentives for business expansion and slow the general development of the economy and produce important product shortages—this, too, has clearly been the experience in the United States.

Dr Shultz recently suggested that the controls experience has been invaluable in proving to people that controls just do not work. Dr Dunlop on the other hand believes that "prices, over all, have been held down a couple of percentage points by controls. I think that's a reasonable estimate, given the problems of measurement that are involved."

Against this, however, is the assertion of many economists in the United States that the price rises to come in the weeks ahead, now that controls have ended, will more than offset the few percentage point gains that Dr Dunlop mentioned.

Frank Vogl

BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO

Condensed Statement of Condition of the Bank and its Special Credit Sections as of December 31, 1973

	(In Pounds Sterling)* 31.12.1973
LIABILITIES	
Capital and Surplus	174.232.996**
Amortization of Investments, Premises, etc	47.155.305
Deposits, Bonds in circulation, etc.	8.602.870.222
Other Liabilities	943.211.314
Net Profit	9.855.638
	9.777.425.525
Guarantees, Acceptances, Confirmed Letters of Credit, etc.	776.377.268
Forward Foreign Exchange sold	1.463.772.562
Creditors for forward Foreign Exchange Transactions	1.353.912.145
	13.371.487.500
Depositors of Securities	2.870.763.808
Deposits of Securities with Third Parties	1.492.157.017
	17.734.408.325
ASSETS	
Cash and due from Banks	1.549.673.628
Government and other Securities	1.387.341.994
Loans, Discounts and Correspondents	6.286.107.895
Other Assets	481.368.350
Investments in Subsidiaries and Affiliates	30.219.137
Premises, Equipment, etc	42.714.521
	9.777.425.525
Customers' Liabilities for Guarantees, Acceptances, etc.	776.377.268
Debtors for forward Foreign Exchange Transactions	1.463.772.562
Forward Foreign Exchange bought	1.353.912.145
	13.371.487.500
Securities on Deposit	2.870.763.808
Securities deposited with Third Parties	1.492.157.017
	17.734.408.325

*Equivalent of the Italian Lire amounts converted at the year end official rate of exchange.
**Of which 2.839.800 due by capital subscribers.

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Business Diary: [illegible]ew's package • Investors' pets

Peter Drew will tomorrow be launching a programme of winter package tours in his first public appearance since he took over as managing director of tour operators Clarksons three months ago.

Drew succeeded John Blomfield, managing director of the holidays division of Court Line, which acquired Clarksons from Shipping Industrial Holdings following heavy losses, including £1m lost for a while in a computer foul-up.

Since the acquisition, the sinking of the pound, the three-day week and fuel surcharges have conspired to drive down Clarksons' anticipated 1974 traffic to about 600,000 packages, a quarter less than in 1973.

Drew, who is 31, includes among tomorrow's offerings a programme of three and four-night holidays in Benidorm, which to the unseeing eye are nothing out of the ordinary. Yet this programme marks a departure from traditional Clarksons style. It replaces earlier proposals for similar holidays to the Costa Brava, where under a previous dispensation the idea would have been to find out what the competition was doing and whatever the cost to undercut them.

Under the Drew dispensation, the Costa Brava holidays were out because the local airport, Gerona, will not take Court Line TriStars, and Clarksons does not control hotels in the area. But Alicante will take TriStars and Clarksons does have hotels in Benidorm.

It is through such analyses, Drew told Ross Davies, that Clarksons can be taken into profit even on 1974 traffic volumes. Drew has in fact made much higher profits than Clarksons is used to on a much smaller operation, Owners' Service Limited.

Clarksons' Peter Drew; vive la [illegible]

This is the company which Court Line acquired, together with Drew, on a five-year contract last year. Drew started the company with Christopher Pearson, a director of timber and wood pulp agents Price and Pierce, for whom Drew worked, the idea being to find and fly out holidaymakers wishing to rent privately owned flats and villas in Spain.

OSL, of which Drew is still managing director, operates on a mix of low overheads and tight management control, which Court Line in turn sees as the elixir to Clarksons' ills. Drew sees his job, in the first year at least, as to widen Clarksons' margins by trimming fat from the organization rather than by increasing prices or chasing after the extra volume that now more than ever just is not there.

[illegible] is also a director of [illegible]oliday Holdings, with [illegible] allocating the aircraft [illegible] holidaymakers book[illegible] Court's other packa[illegible] operator subsidiaries [illegible]AS, OSL and Atlas. [illegible]may well call upon [illegible]L experience for hy[illegible]et bigger than Clark[illegible] result of its gobbling [illegible] operators in the las[illegible]ee years, Court Line [illegible]e subsidiaries operate [illegible]ten offices in and [illegible]ndon.

Diary expects Court [illegible]y to announce pro[illegible]oring together this [illegible]t talent and variety [illegible]ranging from down[illegible]t-haul to upmarket [illegible]nder fewer roofs.

[illegible]g wise

[illegible]son, chairman of [illegible]ys, and a former [illegible] the PE Consulting [illegible]sed the toast to "the Company" at last night's PE 40th anniversary dinner.

"In my present consulting assignment", he said, "I am constantly reminded of an old prayer, 'O Lord, give me the courage to change what can be changed, the patience to live with what cannot be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference'."

And, perhaps referring to decisions to hand over BA routes to British Caledonian or to the Price Commission's way with fare increase applications, he went on: "However, you will be relieved to hear that I do not propose to tell you my troubles tonight.

"I don't believe in it anyway, because half the people you tell them to don't want to know and the other half are glad you've got it coming to you anyway."

Big game

Did you know that the price of rhino horn has increased fivefold in the past two years and is now worth £5 a pound; or alternatively that an investment in a stuffed tiger would have appreciated from £500 to £1,200 in the same period? If big game, and its side-effects, isn't your speciality, how about a stuffed golden eagle, up from £20 to £60, or better still, a passenger pigeon, a now extinct species, which fetched £450 stuffed at a recent auction—a 100 per cent increase over a similar deal a year ago.

This is the kind of esoteric investment advice you might receive from Sausmarez Carey & Harris, investment advisers, which yesterday launched a more orthodox personal portfolio service. However, the company is willing to line up experts in any chosen area of investment—carpets, stamps, clocks, wine and woodlands, etc, and now the products of the taxidermist's art—for the investor fleeing out of money.

Managing director Darel Carey admits that so far none of his clients have expressed an urge for a stuffed tiger—shades of Elinor Glyn—or "mounted natural history specimens" as the professionals like to call stuffed animals. However, he is convinced that his experts, of the Great British Natural History Company, are right when they say that demand is growing. It is not only fed by television programmes on wildlife conservation but simply that people apparently like to "touch, hold and feel stuffed animals".

Outward list

The way things are going on the Frankfurt stock exchange, there could one day soon be more foreign than domestic listings. Only 17 German companies have been given listings in the past 13 years, while Japanese companies alone have secured 17 listings in the last year or so, and they're still coming on at the rate of two a month.

The business of securing a listing is in the hands of the big three banks, Deutsche Dresdner and Commerzbank, who are markedly less eager to assist domestic companies in the same way.

At the end of 1964 there were only 291 domestic and 30 foreign listings although by the end of last year the figures were 2[illegible] and 103 respectively.

LONDON BRICK COMPANY
LIMITED

Year of Progress, Achievement and Innovation

Record Brick Production and Deliveries

'Unfavourable Start to 1974...'

SIR RONALD STEWART, BART. (CHAIRMAN)

The 74th Annual General Meeting of London Brick Company Limited will be held on May 23 at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2 at 12 noon.

The following is an extract from the circulated statement of the Chairman, Sir Ronald Stewart, Bt. for the year ended 31st December 1973.

FINANCIAL The Group profit for the year before charging depreciation amounted to £10,087,217 compared with £8,538,191 for the previous year. Profit before tax amounted to £8,926,935 compared with £7,582,755 for the previous year, an increase of approximately 18 per cent.

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 1.53455p per Ordinary stock unit, tax imputed.

The retained profit of the year amounts to £3,218,401 compared with £2,831,213 a year ago.

EXPANSION London Brick continued to expand in 1973, both through acquisition and through internal growth. Brick production was higher than ever before and a greater proportion of this output came from the newer low cost works. In spite of a downturn in sales as a result of a fall in house building later in the year, turnover again increased and deliveries were marginally higher than in 1972, itself a record year. Further significant progress was achieved in improving the efficiency of all the Company's operations and we face the present difficult times with more modern works, with more sophisticated methods of distribution and administration and with a reorganised and more locally-based marketing organisation.

BRICK PRODUCTION In November London Brick Company acquired the assets of Whittlesea Central Brick Company, a subsidiary of the National Coal Board and the only other producer of fletton bricks.

Size in the fletton industry makes sense, because the cost of important service departments such as engineering, research and personnel can be spread over the entire industry, because methods of distribution can utilise the economies of scale and because the product can be sold direct to the trade on a national basis.

During 1973 the new Saxon Works at Whittlesey was completed. Construction of this new works commenced in November 1971; by August 1972 the first stage was completed and by April of 1973 the whole plant was operational, the fastest construction time ever achieved. The works has a capacity of 120 million bricks a year, all of which can be in facing bricks and cost approximately £1.6 million. As with the first new plant at Kings Dyke, the entire works is situated on the base of the pit some 70 feet below the ground and tree planting has been undertaken to screen and landscape what operations can be seen from ground level.

I mentioned in my Statement last year that planning permission had been sought to build a further factory at Kings Dyke, the site of the first new works to be built in the Whittlesey area, and construction of this followed closely on the completion of Saxon Works. The new plant, which will raise existing production of Kings Dyke to 250 million bricks a year, will, it is anticipated, be finished this autumn. Together the new generation of works at Whittlesey will produce 370 million bricks a year and will replace older higher cost production.

BRICK SALES In 1973, in spite of a reduction in house building we were successful in selling more bricks than ever before. Of particular benefit was the increased sale of facing bricks. During the year there was a further growth in our sales of field drain pipes and deliveries were again a record. Another product made from the fletton clay, the through-the-wall unit Calculon, increased its market penetration with a further 25 per cent. growth in sales. Finally, sales of hollow clay blocks were maintained with a higher proportion being used in flooring.

FLETLINER Mention was made in my Statement last year of steps being taken to develop an entirely new concept of mechanised rail delivery and this exciting new form of brick distribution has now come into operation.

In this, the Company has co-operated with Freightliners Limited in the development of a system based on the use of skeletal flat containers. Bricks are loaded onto these by fork lift trucks at the kilns and the containers are then transported on articulated vehicles to the Company's own Freightliner terminal from where they are loaded by overhead gantry crane onto special rail wagons. Express trains working in circuit and returning with empty containers then transport the bricks to Freightliner terminals in the distribution area. At these the Company has depots and here the containers are transhipped onto London Brick vehicles equipped with Selfstak unloading equipment for final short haul delivery to site. From the moment, therefore, the bricks are blocked for loading at the kilns until the time they reach the bricklayer, they are untouched by hand.

The Fletliner terminal at Stewartby Works, the first Freightliner terminal to be owned and operated by private industry, was completed in the spring and the service commenced operation on schedule in June.

So successful has the first Fletliner been, that plans are now nearing completion for a further Fletliner service into the London area.

ESTATES In October Mr. Donald Fair, O.B.E. Director-General of the Central Electricity Generating Board, Midland Region officially handed back to the Company the first 112 acres of land at Peterborough reclaimed as a result of the fly ash disposal scheme. Discussions are now taking place with the local planning authorities on the re-use of the reclaimed land for agriculture, leisure and commercial, industrial and housing use.

LONDON BRICK LAND DEVELOPMENT LIMITED "Essidispose", the industrial waste division of London Brick Land Development Limited, continues to expand its activities and during 1973 turnover has again been doubled.

On the domestic refuse side we continue to be dogged by delays due to the reorganisation of local government, but one major break-through has been achieved. A contract was signed in the spring with the Greater London Council for the reception, transportation and disposal of domestic waste from North London into the Company's worked-out pits in the Bedfordshire area.

FORECAST The fall in house building that affected sales in the closing months of 1973 has now become so serious that steps will have to be taken by the Government if lasting damage is not to be done to the industry. Even with increased sales to other types of construction, this major recession in house building has meant that in the first quarter our deliveries were very substantially down on the same period of 1973.

Added to these difficulties has been the effect of three-day working on our production which has both severely cut our output and greatly increased our manufacturing costs. In the quite exceptional circumstances experienced in January and February we barely operated at a profit and with the present reduction in sales and squeeze on margins it will not be possible, in the remainder of the year, to make up the leeway already lost.

As this statement goes to press we have been encouraged by the success of our offer for Banbury Buildings Holdings Limited. Banbury shareholders representing 94 per cent. of the total shares have accepted our offer which has been declared unconditional. The acquisition of Banbury Buildings with its interests in products for leisure and the home will provide an element of diversification to our present operations and will therefore help to reduce our vulnerability to the cyclical nature of house building.

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Broadening Base of Group's Operations

Highlights from the circulated statement of Mr. R. A. Hodges (Chairman and Group Managing Director) and from his additional comments at the Annual General Meeting of the Society on Tuesday 30 April 1974.

- 1973 should be viewed as a period of consolidation in the light of difficult trading conditions and the restrictions imposed by the Government Prices and Pay Code. Turnover was £8,921,981 (£7,560,979) and pre-tax profit £1,086,472 (£1,043,350). Dividends for the year, together with the related tax credit, amount to 21.54 per cent. compared with an indicated 17 per cent in the Offer for Sale document in September, 1972.
- The Board's policy of product diversification and entry into new markets is already broadening the base of the Group's operations thus reducing the degree of reliance on traditional trading areas.
- Our permitted net margin under the Government's Counter Inflation Policy is 11.96 per cent, based on the years 1971/72, which is 1.84 per cent below that achieved for 1972. Excluding the results of the newly acquired Oyez IBC Group, the net margin obtained in 1973 for the period covered by Stages 2 and 3 was the level permitted. To achieve this restricted level our margin in the second six months had to be held at a lower level but I can report that in the first three months of the current year we have brought the net margin back to the permitted level.
- Although our traditional areas of business continue to be restricted by the existing economic conditions, I am pleased to state that turnover for the first quarter of the current year, excluding Oyez IBC, shows a 9.9 per cent increase over the comparative period of 1973 which itself was the highest attained in the history of the Group.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Doubling of secured borrowing limit sought by A Herbert

By Christopher Wilkins

Alfred Herbert, the ailing machine tool manufacturer, is planning to double its secured borrowing limit as a preliminary move towards increasing its bank borrowings.

At present the group has a secured borrowing limit of £15.74m and at the end of March its total borrowings and commitments amounted to £13.75m. The directors now feel that the margin of £2m does not leave sufficient flexibility to obtain the facilities necessary for present working capital requirements.

In the immediate future it seems unlikely that Herbert will actually increase its borrowings by much more than £1m or so, but it is hoping to raise the limit to £31.48m—equal to one and a half times capital and reserves of £21m—to take account of possible developments well into the future.

The proposal will have to be approved by preference shareholders at an extraordinary meeting to be held later this month, and as an inducement they are being offered a one-for-five scrip issue plus voting rights.

In the annual report the Herbert board says that, given a reasonable environment, it should be operating at a profit during the last quarter of the financial year although losses made during the recent emergency are unlikely to be made up this year.

The company, which last year reduced its pre-tax loss from £4.5m to £1.4m, has orders on hand at the moment of £26m, and although there appears to be some slowing down in the home ordering rate, this is at present compensated by export orders.

Fruehauf peak year but York Trailer opens lower

By Ashley Druker

Shielded in the main from the effects of the shorter working week and power crisis, results of Crane Fruehauf for 1973, showing a 31 per cent increase in profit, cannot realistically be equated with those for the opening quarter of 1974 at York Trailer, where earnings fell 11 per cent. York, in fact, has unfilled orders nearly three times greater than at the same period in 1973.

For the preceding full year Crane showed a big turnround to a peak £1.3m and at midway last time round a 56 per cent improvement (earnings in the comparable period in 1971 having been depressed by large losses on the container side). In 1973 overall pre-tax profit climbed 31 per cent to a best-ever £1.73m, much in line with expectations (the share price rising 7p), on turnover up 6 per cent to £28.88m. The "available", after much higher tax of £964,000 against £565,000 and minorities of £115,000 (£73,000), rose from £681,000 to £827,000. Total dividend is up from 1.05p to 1.1p. Meanwhile, a revaluation at year end of the main freehold properties brought a £1.8m surplus.

For its part, York Trailer, following its topping of £1m (up from £983,000 to £1.25m pre-tax) in 1973, performed commendably in the opening quarter of this year, with the pre-tax declining 11 per cent to £321,000 in a period of "unprecedented difficulties". Sales were up from £3.5m to £4.18m (and against £14.26m for the preceding year). Here, the board sees ground for cautious optimism in 1974, subject, of course, to industrial peace and availability of materials.

Unfilled orders at York now are treble those at the same time in 1973, and all with the proviso that prices applied shall be those prevailing in the month of manufacture. For the longer term, the board's grounds for buoyancy are that it operates in a growth industry, while the need for fuel economy will tend towards transporting larger loads.

Wall Street

New York, April 30.—Prices on the New York stock exchange closed slightly higher in slow trading. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 1.33 to 836.75. Advancing issues narrowly outnumbered declines about 700 to 650. Volume totalled 10,950,000 shares compared with 10,170,000 shares yesterday.

Brokers reported some hope among investors that interest rates were peaking.

	Apr 30	Apr 29
Allied Chem.	44	43¾
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermk.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Cyan.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. El. Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Home	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Met. Climax	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Venit.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaconda	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Prod.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wilcox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	48	48
Bank of Am.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beat Fds.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bect. Dick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beth. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Border	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burl. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charter N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Serv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.B.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comb Eng.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comw. Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Con. Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Del Monte	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Distil. Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
East. Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
El Paso G.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equitable Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed. D. Strs.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Nt. Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
G.A.F. Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gamble Skogmo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Dynam.	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Apr 30	Apr 29
Gen. Electric	51	52
Gen. Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Instr.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Tel. El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grant W.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt. At. & Pac.	[illegible]	13
Greyhound	15	[illegible]
Grumman Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Wn. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz, H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Central	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]
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I.B.M.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Harv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Int. Tel. Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johns Manv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johnson & Johnson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kaiser Alum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kennecott	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimb. Clk.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kraftco Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kresge S.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ling. Myer	[illegible]	[illegible]
L.T.V.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Magnavox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manuf Hanover	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marathon Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marcor Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marine Mid.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin Mar.	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonnell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minn. Min.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Moore McC.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan, J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]
N.L. Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat. Disc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Cash Reg.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat. Distil.	[illegible]	15
Nat. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk West	[illegible]	[illegible]
NW Bancor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norton Simon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occ. Pet.	10	10
Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Sthr.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Ill.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac. Gas. El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan. Am.	[illegible]	4
Penn. Cent.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney J C	70	[illegible]
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pepsico	[illegible]	60
Per Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	34	[illegible]
Phelps Ded.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philip Mor.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phila. Pet.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
P.P.G. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Proc. Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub. Ser. El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pullman	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rapid American	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Repub. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rich Sel. Tr.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Apr 30	Apr 29
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Regis	[illegible]	[illegible]
Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schering Plough	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Roc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Pac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Ry.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Cal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stevens J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Studebaker Wortn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunbeam Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sundstrand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas East Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
T.W.A.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
TRW Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.A.L. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever Ltd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever N.V.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carbide	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carb.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un. Oil Cal.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un. Pacific Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Aircraft	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Merch & Alum	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.S. Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.S. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westgh. El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

	Apr 30	Apr 29
Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alg. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asbestos	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can. Nat. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can. Inv. Fd.	5.01	4.99
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons. Bat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Distiller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fairview Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker Can.	5.38	5.63
Hud. Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hud. Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
I.A.C. Ltd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imp Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mass.-Fergsn.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Power Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Price Bros.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tex. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Trans. Mnt. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker H.	[illegible]	[illegible]
W.C.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]

e Ex Div. a Asked. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange—Sterling spot [illegible] ($2.4139); three months, $2.3880 ($2.4035); Canadian dollar, [illegible] (103.93c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index up .60 to 549.24. The Reuters index was down [illegible] to 515.85.

The Dow Jones averages—Industrials [illegible]; transportation, 173.30 (172.89); utilities, 76.30 (77.00); 65 stocks, [illegible] (254.99).

New York stock Exchange index, 47.53 (47.[illegible]); industrials, 53.90 (52.67); transportation, 54.53 (54.19); utilities, 30.78 (30.61); financial, 56.17 (56.49).

Comex Silver in weak finish

New York, April 30—Comex SILVER futures closed weak. They were down 6.3 to 2.9 cents when profit taking and liquidation in the final 20 minutes touched off stop loss selling and drove prices down some prices to ten cents. Volume was 4,874 lots with switching moderate. Prices closed near the days lows. There was a range of about 30 cents today in the majority. May, 563.80c; June, 564.8c; July, 574.6c; Sept. 583.8c; Dec. 591.30c; Jan. 595.0c; March, 598.0c; May, 602.8c; July, 606.9c; Sept. 610.9c. Handy and Harman, [illegible] previous 550c, Handy and Harman of Canada Cm55.557 (previous Cm55.304).

COFFEE closed steady between 30 points up and 120 down on 1,320 lots. July, 38.60c; July, 12.40c; Sept. 13.40c; Oct. 13.80c; Dec. 13.80; Jan. 13.[illegible]; March, 14.[illegible]; May, 15.[illegible].

COTTON futures closed 10.45 to 0.70 cents lower on commission house liquidation [illegible] of improved planting conditions and [illegible] the [illegible] delivery notices [illegible] yet this morning and experienced difficulties in executing orders. The daily was greatly widened. Weather reports told Texas and Oklahoma received much needed moisture while our Gulf rains were centered in Mississippi and Louisiana. May, 39.30-35c; July, 39.50-55c; Oct. [illegible]; Dec. [illegible]; March, 40.[illegible]; May, 40.15-20c; July, 39.60-65c; Oct. 38.30-35c; Dec. 38.40-45c.

COCOA futures closed on an irregular fashion with the nearer months lower 1.00 cents higher and the deferred 0.[illegible] to 1.60 cents lower in a rather troubled session. Traders said the early tension of the market gave rooms a similar condition in London where sterling apparently is not covered by the money. May, [illegible]; July, 99.00c; Sept. 99.[illegible]; Oct. 100.00c nominal; Dec. [illegible]; March, 99.00c; May, 96.90c; July, 94.00c; Sept. 92.45c; Dec. [illegible]; March, [illegible].

COFFEE futures moved irregularly in the trading during the afternoon to finish with prices mixed. At the closing bell prices ranged from 45 points higher to 20 points lower for the day. Volume was light at 455 lots. May, 39.70c; June, 41.30c nominal; July, 41.60-70c; Sept. 42.70c; Nov. 44.00-10c; Dec. 45.20c; March, 46.30c.

SUGAR futures in No 11 contract closed very steady at about 0.52 to 0.70 cents higher on a flash wave of commission house covering after the spot May expired in a steady way. July, 10.[illegible]; Sept. 10.35-40c; Oct. 10.[illegible]; Jan. 10.[illegible]; March, 10.[illegible]; May, 10.[illegible]; July, 11.55c; Sept. 12.[illegible]; Nov. 12.[illegible]; Jan. 13.[illegible] nominal.

CHICAGO NOTATIONS. Soybeans closed firm unchanged at four cents higher with May at [illegible]. Soybean Meal finished on its highs $2.00 to $3.00 up and May was $166.80 a ton. Soybean Oil dropped 0.[illegible] cents in the May, but added 0.30 cents in back months with May at [illegible] a lb. SOYABEANS, May, 5.[illegible]; July, [illegible]; Aug. [illegible]; Sept. [illegible]; Nov. [illegible]; Jan. [illegible]; March, [illegible]. SOYABEAN OIL, May, 9.30-10c; July, [illegible]; Aug. [illegible]; Sept. [illegible]; Oct. [illegible]; Dec. [illegible]; Jan. [illegible]; March, [illegible]. SOYABEAN MEAL, May, $109.00; July, $[illegible]; Aug. $[illegible]; Sept. $[illegible]; Oct. $[illegible]; Dec. $[illegible]; Jan. $[illegible]; March, $[illegible]. CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT closed easier, nine cents lower to three higher. May, 3[illegible]-3[illegible]c; July, [illegible]; Sept. 3[illegible]; Dec. 3[illegible]; March, 3[illegible]. MAIZE closed firm, [illegible] cents higher to unchanged. May, [illegible]; July, [illegible]; Sept. [illegible]; Dec. [illegible]; March, [illegible]. OATS closed steady, 1¼ cents higher to ½ lower. May, 1[illegible]; July, [illegible]; Sept. 135c; Dec. 1[illegible]; March, 137[illegible] nominal.

Market throws off gloom over Vavasseur suspension

Leading equities remain confiden

The stock market gave a convincing, if somewhat restrained, display of confidence yesterday when major stocks hustled aside the suspension of share quotations for J. H. Vavasseur to move higher ahead of the statement from the Bank of England on credit control. The market was initially thrown into gloom by the share suspensions. But fuller details of the reconstruction of capital by Vavasseur brought a recovery of nerve.

The recovery was then strengthened by the disclosure by ICI and BP of a £100m joint project, and by rumours that the Bank would be issuing a statement on credit restraint. In the event the Bank's statement may be less encouraging than the market hoped. But the initial reaction was to mark industrials higher by a penny or so. Turnover remained light, however, and *The Times* index closed a mere 0.15 up at 123.95.

The secondary banking section took a further knock on the Vavasseur announcement, but shared in the general recovery. Cannon Street Investments (20p) lost a net 2½p. At 73p, United Dominions Trust were finally unchanged on the day.

Of those stocks most closely linked with Vavasseur, Lion International dipped to 70p but quickly recovered to close at 81p, a net [illegible] off. Wm Whittingham, in which Vavasseur has a 1.3 million share stake, lost 2½p to 47½p. Hambros lost 20p to [illegible]p.

The fear of fresh troubles among the secondary banks brought falls in property shares, but these were reduced before the close. British Land (70p) and Land Securities (146p) ended a few pence off.

Weaker spots in properties included B. Sinley Investment Trust, where speculators looked disappointed by the absence of news on the Pacific Star [illegible] and Sterling Guarantee which fell [illegible] on profit-taking.

On the [illegible] side, ICI touched [illegible] on the plan to build a plant [illegible] BP, but slipped to 221p. [illegible] 3p to [illegible] Gkn (186p). Beecham [illegible] and Courtaulds (1[illegible]p) recovered early falls to close a shade higher on the day. With investors looking for excellent results next week from Laporte Industries, the shares rose [illegible] further 2p to 106p.

But Unilever fell [illegible] on a round of small sales.

Gilts higher

The gilt edged market [illegible] another good session yesterday with prices rising by [illegible] point, and some of [illegible] common. After a [illegible] dealers reported strong buying interest which [illegible] throughout the rest of the session.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par value)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev
Allebone (10p) Fin	1.35	1.19	25.6	1.78	[illegible]
Cornthwaite Hldgs (10p) Fin	0.52	0.5	1.7	1.39	[illegible]
Crane Fruehauf (10p) Fin	0.5	0.47	25.7	1.1	[illegible]
Dawson & Gardner (25p) $ Int	1.46	—	18.6	1.99	[illegible]
D. J. Dewhurst (10p) Fin	3.0	*	14.6	4.5	[illegible]
Dorada (25p) Fin	1.16	3.0	3.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duncan & Goodricke (£1) Fin	21.5	20.0	6.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Est Duties Hldgs (5p) Fin	6.2	[illegible]	25.6	10.3	[illegible]
Farnell Elec (20p) Fin	2.76	2.63	21.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gomme Hldgs (25p) Int	3.16	2.06	4.7	6.57	[illegible]
Helene, Limited (10p)	0.65	0.63	10.9	0.86	[illegible]
Hoechst (DM 50)	8.37	7.56	—	8.37	[illegible]
Lesney (5p) Fin	0.62	0.57	1.7	1.05	[illegible]
Ldn Gen Inv (25p) Fin	4.71	2.91	1.6	6.05	[illegible]
Lyon & Lyon (25p) Fin	1.25	1.25	1.7	1.5	[illegible]
Jas Neill (25p) Fin	3.12	3.0	—	3.57	[illegible]
NS Footwear (10p) Int	1.04	1.0	1.7	—	[illegible]
Portland Hldgs (10p) Fin	0.27	—	—	0.52	[illegible]
Ransome Hoffmann (25p) Int	1.62	1.62	16.7	—	[illegible]
Rawson (25p) Fin	3.83	3.66	14.6	6.44	[illegible]
Reliable Pens (25p) Int	1.24	1.25	23.3	—	[illegible]
Scotia Inv (10p) Fin	4.2	4.0	15.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Holdings (25p)	2.67	2.53	—	2.67	[illegible]
Spunk & Jim (25p) Fin	4.41	4.06	3.7	6.91	[illegible]
Stylo Shoes (25p) Fin	1.92	1.84	—	1.92	[illegible]
Tate, Lecht (25p)	2.77	2.5	—	3.77	[illegible]

‡ Adjusted for scrip. ‡ Forecast. * Public October, 1972. (Dec[illegible]

Mr. J. A. Bailey, Chairman, refers to a new Pension Policy and freedom of investment.

Extracts from his Annual Statement

"An ordinary endowment policy provides more reliable savings advantages than most other available avenues . . . in addition to offering the method for a young man to create a ready-made estate for his family."

"We have recently introduced a Group Pensions Policy. We consider that there will be a demand among the smaller employers for a scheme suited to their needs and the Royal London Group Pensions Policy has been designed specifically to meet this demand."

"I am particularly happy to report that, in spite of the heavy falls in market values over 1973, the strength of both Industrial and Ordinary Branch Funds is such that the current rates of Interim Bonus and the rate of the Special Final Bonus for claims arising in 1974 are being maintained."

"If our rates of Interim and Special Final Bonus were maintained at their current levels the yield on a twenty year with-profit endowment assurance effected in the Ordinary Branch at the present time would be about 12½% gross for a life aged twenty-five at entry, after making full allowance for life assurance premium relief . . . The premium income in this Branch has continued to show a considerable rate of increase, the average rate of which over the last five years has been in excess of 10½% per annum."

"In the Industrial Branch the progressive improvement of the last few years continues and the annual premium in respect of new business increased by 8-5%."

"We can offer the benefits I have just described because we concentrate on investments which bring the best return to our policyholders. This can only be achieved in an environment such as we currently enjoy in this country, where Offices are allowed freedom of investment. Interference in the management of our affair

FINANCIAL NEWS

Reports

Steeper costs put brake on Gomme Hldgs

Gomme Holdings, makers of G-Plan furniture, achieved record pre-tax profits of £820,000 in the first half of this year though the 4 per cent increase this represents is a marked slowdown over last year's rate of profits expansion.

The steep rise in hardwood prices will have moved sharply against Gomme and other furniture makers during this period, though timber prices have since tended to level out. However, the rise in the petrochemical price will affect foams used in upholstery.

Turnover rose by 23½ per cent to £7.5m in the first six months, aided by a price increase last August.

Gomme has assumed that the current counter-inflation legislation will remain in force, so the whole allowable increase in the year's dividend has been added to the interim. The interim dividend is thus being raised from 1.443p a share net (2.063p gross) to 1.467p net (2.19 gross). The final dividend will be maintained at 3.15p (4.70p gross).

I J Dewhirst Hldgs

Taxable profits of this clothing manufacturing and wholesaling group, which came to the market in October, 1972, have jumped 18 per cent to £380,000 on sales of £4.15m, against £3.28m.

As well as a dividend of 4.5p gross, against a forecast of not less than 3.5p, shareholders will receive a one-for-three scrip issue. Net profits are £189,000, against £192,000. The board hopes to maintain growth this year.

Scotia Investments

Passing the £1m mark for the first time, pre-tax profits of this leisure activities concern have risen from £729,000 to £1.32m and the new year has started well in spite of the three-day week. The first three weeks show a "satisfactory" improvement.

On net profits of £687,000 (against £413,000) the dividend is 5.25p, (5p). Earnings a share are down from 12.3p to 7.5p but net tangible assets a share are 44p (9p) following merger.

Dorada Holdings

Record profits of £620,000, against £563,000 have been achieved by this vehicle distribution and engineering group. On net profits of £479,000 (£316,500) the dividend is up from 5.25p to 5.72p and earnings a share from 6.5p to 6.9p. Turnover was £33.2m (£24.2m.).

Efforts are being made to increase the proportion of the group's profits which come from outside the motor trade, and some of the group's prime property sites are to be developed.

Jas Neill Holdings

After a depressed 1972, James Neill Holdings, tool makers and general engineers, raised pretax profits for 1973 by 47 per cent to £1.6m. The full brunt of the miners' strike may, on the current year, not be felt until later on. Even so, Mr J. H. Neill, does not expect any shortage of orders and will continue to invest in plant.

Earnings of 6.3p (4.5p) a share allow an increase in the dividend from 5.25p to 5.37p gross. Turnover was £2m greater at £18.9m.

London Brick

Government intervention in some form if lasting damage is not to be done to industry is urged by Sir Ronald Stewart, chairman and managing director. The fall in house building affecting sales in the closing months of 1973 had deteriorated further. In the first two months of the current year, overall housing starts were down one-third on the same period and in the private sector, where most of its bricks are used, by nearly a half. Deliveries were down "very substantially" in spite of increased sales to other types of construction.

Stylo Shoes

Though sales for the 53 weeks to February 2 at Stylo Shoes moved slightly from £10.56m to £11.32m, pre-tax profit dipped from a peak £817,000 to £625,000 and the "attributable" from £432,000 to £281,000. The dividend goes up from 1.84p to 1.92p.

Briefly

LLOYDS INDUSTRIES
Last term sales were £6.55m (£5.58m) and taxable profits £557,000 (£524,000). Total dividend 4.04p (3.78p). Demand is "encouraging".

DAWSON & BARFOS
Turnover of group as presently constituted reached £5.1m (£4.3m) last year plus £3.6m for companies now sold. Trading profit £610,000 (£461,000 and loss of £247,000). Pretax, £487,000 (£90,000).

DUNCAN & GOODRICKE
Last year group profit £985,000 (£707,000) and total dividend 26.2p (25p).

TATE OF LEEDS
Last year pre-tax profit up 53 per cent to £190,000 and turnover 25 per cent to £9.6m. Total dividend 2.77p (2.5p).

JESSEL SECURITIES
Company has bought further 25,000 ordinary in N. Greening bringing holding to 3[illegible] million (15.7 per cent).

A. ARENSON (HOLDINGS)
Company intensifying continental expansion with new company, Arenson International (Belgium) SA.

Issues & Loans

EDITH plans rights offer to raise £5m

Under heavy pressure of demand for funds from private companies, Estate Duties Investment Trust is planning to raise £5m by means of a rights issue. The trust, which yesterday reported net revenue before tax up from £1m to £1.19m, is also recommending a one-for-15 scrip issue.

EDITH is an unorthodox investment trust in which ICFC holds about a quarter of the equity and insurance companies and institutions together around 70 per cent. It has acted as a vehicle for purchasing minority holdings in private companies, effectively offering an alternative to public flotation for expanding concerns.

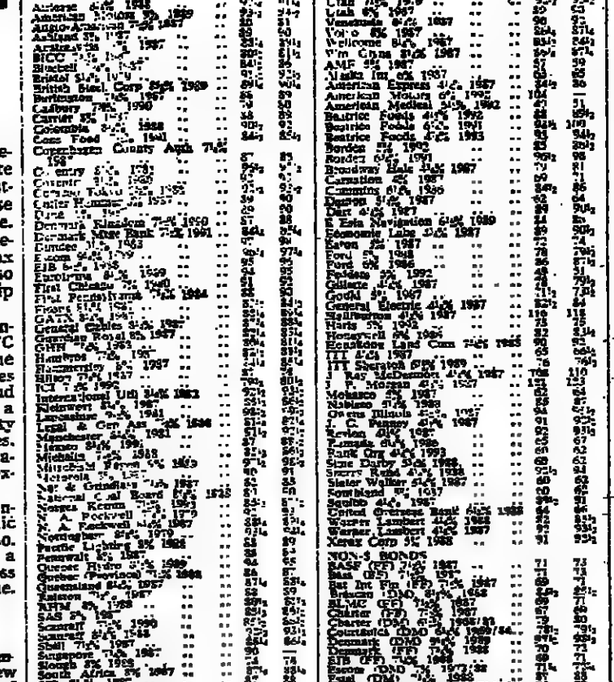
With companies finding it increasingly difficult to go public during the past year or so, EDITH has been faced with a rising volume of new business and this is expected to continue.

Rise in funding

Despite the dearth of company flotations, the total of new money raised by the issue of marketable securities in the first four months of this year has been higher than in the same period of 1973.

According to Midland Bank statistics, the total of new funds raised in April was £39.1m compared with £19.8m a year earlier, bringing the total for the year so far to £116.4m against £108.5m in the first four months of 1973.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)



$ STRAIGHTS

	Bid	Offer
Autocar 6½% 1988	97¼	98¼
American Brands 5% 1989	92½	94½
Anglo-American 7½% 1987	85	87
Ashland 5% 1987	83	85
Armstrong 5% 1987	80½	82½
BICC 4½% 1987	80½	82½
Blackett 4% 1987	84½	86
Bristol 5½% 1989	91½	93½
British Steel Corp 5½% 1989	88½	90½
Burlington 4½% 1987	85	87
Cadbury 7½% 1990	78	80
Carrier 5% 1987	88	89
Colombia 5½% 1988	90½	92
Cons Foods 5% 1987	84½	85½
Copenhagen County Auth 7½% 1987	87	89
Courtaulds 4½% 1987	99½	101
Crown Zellerbach 5½% 1987	91½	93½
Dayton Hudson 4½% 1987	90	92
Dart & Kraft 4½% 1987	89	90½
Denmark Kingdom 7½% 1989	87	88
Denmark Mort Bank 7½% 1991	84½	85½
Duncan 5½% 1987	87	89
Eaton 5½% 1987	96½	97½
EIB 5½% 1988	93	95
Eurofima 6½% 1989	94	95
First Chicago 7% 1989	91	92
First Pennsylvania 7½% 1984	88	90
Fisons 5½% 1987	87½	88½
GATX 5½% 1987	88½	89½
General Motors 5½% 1987	87½	88½
Georgia Pacific 5½% 1987	87½	88½
GHM 7½% 1987	80½	81½
Hamptons 7½% 1987	87½	88½
Hammerslev 5% 1987	83½	85½
Hilton 7½% 1987	87	88
ICI 7½% 1992	79½	81½
International Utd 5½% 1987	92½	93½
Kleinwort 5½% 1987	88½	90½
Lancashire 7½% 1991	92½	93½
Legal & Gen Ass 7½% 1986	87½	89½
Manchester 5½% 1987	87½	89½
Mason 5½% 1987	87	88½
Michelin 7½% 1988	87½	89½
Mitsubishi Corp 5½% 1989	97½	98½
Motorola 5½% 1987	89	91
Nat & Grindlays 7½% 1987	85	86
National Coal Board 8½% 1988	77	78
Nestlé 5½% 1987	88½	89½
N. Rockwell 5½% 1987	87	89
N. A. Rockwell 4½% 1987	88½	90½
Nottingham 8½% 1979	97½	98½
Pacific Lighting 5½% 1988	88	89
Pennwalt 5½% 1987	88	89
Queen Hydro 8½% 1989	94	95
Quebec Province 7½% 1988	86	87
Queensland 8½% 1987	87½	88½
Raleigh 7½% 1987	88	89
RHM 6% 1988	89½	90½
SAS 5½% 1987	87½	88½
Scantrail 7½% 1990	87½	88½
Seamark 8½% 1988	92½	93½
Shell 7½% 1987	88½	89½
SIB 7½% 1987	87	88
Singapore 7½% 1987	88	89
Slough 5% 1988	76	78
South Africa 5% 1987	87½	88½
SIB 7½% 1987	87	88
Standard Oil 8½% 1988	92	93
Standard Oil 8½% 1988	93	94
Standard Oil 8½% 1988	95½	96½
Sybron 5% 1987	88½	89½
Tenneco 7½% 1989	92½	93½
Tenneco 7½% 1987	83	84
Texaco 7½% 1987	84	85
Texaco 7½% 1987	84	85
Town & City 5% 1988	74	76
Transocean Gulf 7½% 1987	88	89
Union Oil 7½% 1989	94	95
Union Oil 7½% 1987	88½	89½
UDT 5½% 1988	85½	87½

$ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
Utah 7½% 1979	94½	95½
Utah 6% 1987	89	91
Venezuela 6½% 1987	90	92
Volvo 6% 1987	86½	87½
Wellcome 5½% 1987	85½	86½
Wm Cross 5½% 1987	86½	87½
AMF 6% 1987	87	89
Alaska Int 6% 1987	85	87
American Express 4½% 1987	84½	86
American Motors 6% 1992	104	—
American Medical 5½% 1992	47	51
Beatrice Foods 4½% 1992	88	89½
Beatrice Foods 4½% 1991	98½	100
Beatrice Foods 4½% 1993	93	94½
Borden 4% 1992	83	85½
Borden 4½% 1991	96½	98
Broadway Hale 4½% 1987	79	81
Carnation 4% 1987	69	71
Cummins 4½% 1986	84½	86
Dayton 5½% 1987	84	86
Dart 4½% 1987	89	90½
E Asia Navigation 6½% 1989	84	86
Economic Labs 4½% 1987	89	90½
Eaton 4% 1987	72	74
Ford 4% 1988	78	79½
Ford 6% 1986	86	87½
Fujitsu 4% 1992	48	51
Gillette 4½% 1987	73	75½
Godfrey 4% 1987	71½	73½
General Electric 4½% 1987	82½	84
Halliburton 4½% 1987	116	118
Harris 5% 1992	73	75
Honeywell 6% 1986	82	83½
Houston Land Com 7½% 1985	90	92
ITT 4½% 1987	63	65½
ITT Sheraton 6½% 1989	78	79½
J. Ray McDermott 4½% 1987	108	110
J. P. Morgan 4½% 1987	123	125
Mohasco 4% 1987	62	64
Nabisco 5½% 1988	85	86
Owens Illinois 4½% 1987	94	95½
J. C. Penney 4½% 1987	91	92½
Revlon 4½% 1987	92	93½
Tenneco 5½% 1986	65	67
Tenn Gas 4½% 1993	60	62
Sine Dutot 5½% 1988	60	62
Sperry Rand 4½% 1988	92½	94
Slater Walker 5½% 1987	60	62
Sonneland 5% 1987	60	62
Squibb 4½% 1987	89½	91
United Overseas Bank 4½% 1988	84	86
Warner Lambert 4½% 1987	83	85½
Westinghouse 4½% 1987	92	93½
Xerox Corp 5% 1988	91	93½
NON-$ BONDS		
BASF (FF) 7½% 1987	71	73
Bass (FF) 7½% 1987	71	73
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7½% 1987	69	71
Brown (DM) 6½% 1988	64½	66½
BLMC (FF) 7½% 1987	67	69
Chinor (FF) 7½% 1987	67	69
Charter (DM) 6½% 1987/88	70	72
Continental (DM) 6½% 1987/88	78½	79½
Denmark (DM) 9½% 1989	94½	95½
Denmark (FF) 7½% 1988	70	72
EIB (FF) 7½% 1988	69	71
Esso (DM) 7½% 1987/88	71½	73½
Esso (DM) 7½% 1988	81	83
Goodyear (DM) 6½% 1987/88	78	79
ICI (DM) 7½% 1987/88	89½	91½
Linjeas (FF) 7½% 1987	68	70
Nat West (DM) 7½% 1988	83½	85½
Occidental (DM) 6½% 1987/88	83	84
Sandoz (DM) 6½% 1987/88	94½	96½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½% 1988	83½	85½
Trans Euro Fin (DM) 7½% 1988	96½	98½
Voest-Alpine (DM) 6½% 1988	91½	93½

DM = Deutschemark issue. FF = French Franc issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

DAVID GREIG
Offer by Fitch Lovell is now unconditional, but remains open. Acceptances total 59 per cent.

RELIABLE PROPERTIES
Interim net taxable loss £6,000 (£54,000 profit). Dividend 1.24p (1.25p).

Bids & deals

Richardson leap on 160p feeler

Possibly scenting a bid, the stock market added 25p to the shares of Arthur Richardson & Son (Mace wholesale grocers, etc) on Monday. The board stated yesterday that it is having talks which may lead to an offer for the group at 160p a share. This would value the group at about £1.86m.

The news prompted a jump in the shares of 46p to 142p yesterday.

Taiping link brings Boustead to market

Taiping Rubber Plantations has now agreed terms for the merger with Edward Boustead, general merchants, plantation secretaries, metal brokers, etc. The terms, which will give Boustead holders listed shares, are four Taiping shares for every three held. This values Boustead at £1.66m.

Both companies have long been closely associated, and the link will give Taiping an enlarged asset base for United Kingdom expansion.

Scripto-Wilkinson

Scripto Inc is proposing to sell to Wilkinson Sword Inc some 3.38 million Scripto shares at $2.45 each, instead of 2.98 million at $2.7, as announced on March 25. Wilkinson would then own about 53.4 per cent of Scripto's outstanding shares after the deal, instead of the previous 51 per cent. Both proposals would result in $8.05m being paid to Scripto.

TOM MARTIN METALS GROUP

The National Metal Merchant

Mr. A. Hobart, O.B.E.

Salient Points from the Chairman's Statement

* Most successful year in Company's history.
* Earnings and net assets per share substantially increased as a result of forward planning.
* Ever increasing demand from industry for Company's services and products.
* Property revaluation throws up surplus £2,451,564.
* Liquid position dramatically changed during year.
* £100 invested in Company in 1964 has grown to approximately £700 today.
* 1974 started better than any other year and confident of further record profit.

Group Profit Summary	1973	1972
Turnover	15,423,590	11,623,673
Trading profit before taxation	1,782,589	734,183
Pre Tax Extraordinary Profit	337,174	48,439
Dividend	19.11%	18.20%
Earnings per share (excluding Extraordinary Profit)	55%	33%

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Tom Martin Metals Group Ltd., Dickon's Street, Blackburn, Lancashire BB1 1RP.

BOWATER

Highlights from the Statements of the Chairmen of the principal Hong Kong subsidiaries of Bowater

Cathay Securities Limited

Net profit after tax for the year ended 31st December, 1973 was HK $26,005,000—an increase of 51% over the previous year. Earnings per share in 1973 were HK $0.47—an increase of 12%. Dividends in 1973 totalled HK $0.22—an increase of 47% over the total distribution in 1972.

During the year Hong Kong Development Limited and Empress Shipping and Investment Company Limited both became wholly-owned subsidiaries.

Property. A 200,000 sq. ft. industrial building has been acquired and is now fully let. Work on the 15 storey commercial development in Kowloon is proceeding according to schedule.

Shipping. The group now owns six 15,000/16,000 D.W.T. log/bulk carriers and one 43,000 D.W.T. tanker, which are profitably employed under time charter and bare boat charter arrangements.

Indonesia Consolidated Limited (quoted on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange) has expanded substantially.

A 40% interest in Pacific Investments Company, quoted on the Manila and Makati Stock Exchanges, was acquired during the year. PIC, which has a portfolio of investments in first class quoted companies in the Philippines, is in the process of acquiring a substantial fully-let office building in Makati.

1974 profits and dividends should at least be maintained at 1973 levels.

M. Horsman *Chairman*

	Year Ended 31st December 1973	*1972*
	HK $'000	
Profit before tax	31,902	24,232
Tax	4,487	3,460
Profit after tax	27,415	20,772
Minority interests	1,410	3,531
Attributable to ordinary shareholders	26,005	17,241
Earnings per share	47 cents	42 cents*
Dividends per share	22 cents	15 cents*

*(*adjusted for the bonus issue in May, 1973)*

Indonesia Consolidated Limited

Net profit after tax for the year ended 31st December, 1973 was HK $2,509,000. Dividend for 1973 was HK $0.04 per share.

During the year under review Cathay Securities Limited, a subsidiary of The Bowater Corporation Limited, acquired a controlling interest in the Company. Subsequently the Company was expanded substantially as a result of a 19 for 1 rights issue at par, and the acquisition of certain investments formerly held within the Cathay group.

Property interests in Indonesia now include residential and commercial developments in Djakarta, and the development of an industrial park is planned. Applications have been submitted for a residential resort condominium in Bali.

Investment in offshore marine services has expanded substantially.

The Company has expanded into financial consultancy which includes turnkey services to clients, covering marketing studies, feasibility studies, engineering design, construction management and financial planning of new investment projects in Indonesia.

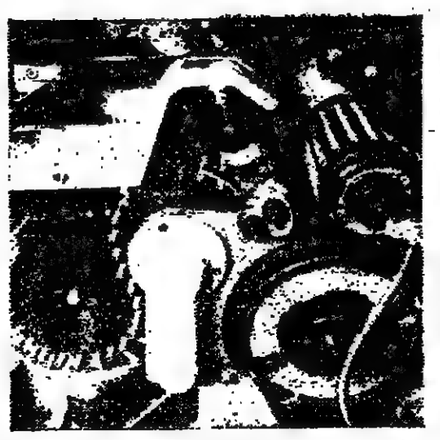
In the absence of unforeseen circumstances the profit for 1974 should be substantially higher than that earned in 1973.

A. R. Goodlad *Chairman*

	Year ended 31st December 1973
	HK $'000
Profit before tax	2,726
Tax	325
Profit after tax	2,401
Minority interests	(108)
Attributable to ordinary shareholders	2,509
Earnings per share	5 cents
Dividend per share	4 cents

Copies of the reports are available from the Secretary, The Bowater Corporation Limited, Bowater House, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LR.

When you are an undisputed world leader- what is your secret?



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Finally, whether we are producing tobacco machinery or printing, packaging and paper-handling machines, there is the drive, enthusiasm and teamwork of 8,000 highly-skilled people.

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MARKET REPORTS

Foreign Exchange

Firmer tone in the dollar

The dollar won back some of the ground in European currency trading yesterday which it had lost recently. Apparently, most speculative positions ahead of the West German trade figures for March, and the European May Day holiday today, were completed in the initial part of the session, later allowing the dollar to rally, London dealers reported.

The dollar closed at 2.4515-35 against the mark—a net gain from its 2.4435-50 overnight level—having been as low as 2.4370 at one stage.

Meanwhile, sources in Bonn quoted by Reuter said that West German banks will shortly be obliged to report details of their forward foreign exchange business to the Bundesbank on a regular monthly basis.

London bankers had been anticipating for some days that exchange controls, to counter the current D-mark situation and other similar speculative operations recently, may be imposed shortly in West Germany and Switzerland.

Elsewhere, sterling slipped to $2.4245 against the dollar, down a net 71 points. Earlier, it touched $2.4425. However, the pound remained steady in Europe. The Bank of England's effective weighted exchange rate widened to 16.95 per cent at the close from 16.84 per cent on Monday.

The gold price fell 25 cents, to close at $169.25 an ounce.

Money Rates

Money moved in heavy volume, but stayed expensive, in the discount market yesterday. Yet it did not become anything like so tight for the last day of the month as had been feared. The authorities, in the event, were called on to provide only small scale help (and indications were that this was very small) by purchasing bills.

The situation was eased by an unexpectedly large swing on the Exchequer accounts, in the market's favour. Local authority money figured prominently in the excess of Exchequer disbursements over revenue transfers. In addition, the banks had brought over comfortably full balances from Monday. Though oil money proved a sizable drain on liquidity, and funds were syphoned away by maturities of officially held commercial bills and local authority bills, the outcome was comparatively comfortable.

Rates were rarely below 11½ per cent and 11½ per cent was conceded.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12½%
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●13 %
C. Hoare & Co	*12½%
Lloyds Bank ..	12½%
Midland Bank ..	12½%
Nat Westminster	12½%
Shenley Trust ..	13 %
20th Cent Bank	12½%
G. T. Whyte ..	13 %
Williams&Glyn's	12½%

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.

● Demands deposits 12% £10,000 and over.

• 7 day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 11%, over £25,000 11½%.

THE NEW THROGMORTON TRUST LTD.
Capital Loan Stock Valuation —30th April. 1974:
The net asset value per £1 of Capital Loan Stock is 10p.
Securities valued at middle-market price.

Minimum tea price scheme sought

Ceylon and India are seeking support from Indonesia and East African producers for a scheme to set a minimum tea price, Mr Colvin da Silva, Ceylon's Plantation Industry Minister, said in Colombo.

Mr Chandra Wijenaike, chairman of the Sri Lanka Planters' Association, said production in 1973 was the lowest since 1961 and said fertilizer input last year fell by almost 50 per cent compared with 1971. This, he said, was a "suicidal" rate and if allowed to continue would spell doom for the industry.—Reuter.

Recent Issues

	Closing price	Latest date of renun
Black Arrow Gp 50p Ord (50)	32xd	—
Brooke Tool 12½ Cnv	205xd	—
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Com Bnk Aust (A$1.80)	—	12½p prem
Poko Wallsend (A$0.80)	—	280 prem-20

Issue price in parentheses. ‡ Nil paid.

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 30.04.74 (base date June 2, 1964, original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	118.83	7.15	13.96	118.79
Largest cos.	117.68	7.11	13.65	117.43
Smaller cos.	120.93	7.26	13.98	122.91
Capital goods	131.14	7.62	15.72	131.74
Consumer goods	135.38	6.79	13.12	137.04
Store shares	100.92	7.49	10.36	100.82
Largest financial shares	155.88	3.47	—	154.30
Largest financial and industrial shares	134.95	6.30	—	134.46
Commodity shares	286.31	3.87	7.30	286.50
Gold mining shares	520.51	4.78	6.05	523.91
Industrial debenture stocks	71.17	8.73*	—	71.09
Industrial preference stocks	48.96	14.21*	—	48.29
3½% War Loan	23¾	• 14.56*	—	23¾

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	193.47	(15.09.72)	63.84	(16.07.59)
1974	136.13	(28.02.74)	107.81	(01.04.74)
1973	189.33	(12.01.73)	120.99	(14.12.73)
1972	198.47	(15.09.72)	174.46	(10.01.72)
1971	174.77	(31.12.71)	122.22	(25.03.71)
1970	145.79	(14.01.70)	110.75	(26.05.70)
1969	171.95	(31.01.69)	122.98	(28.07.69)

† Adjusted to 1984 base date.
* Flat interest yield.
• Ex-dividend.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 13% (Last changed 31.4.74)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 12½%

Discount Mkt. Loans %

Overnight: Open 11¾ Close 11¼

Week Fixed: 11⅛-11⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
3 months	11⅜	3 months	11⅛
3 months	11 1/32	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

3 months	13¼-13½	3 months	13⅛-13⅜
3 months	13¼-13½	4 months	13⅛-13⅜
4 months	13¼-13½	6 months	13⅛-13⅜
6 months	13½-13		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	12 29/32-12 25/32	7 months	14-13⅞
2 months	13 1/32-12⅞	8 months	14-13⅞
3 months	13 5/32-13 1/32	9 months	14-13⅞
4 months	13⅜-13¼	10 months	14-13⅞
5 months	13 9/32-13 5/32	11 months	14-13⅞
6 months	14-13⅞	12 months	13 31/32-13 25/32

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	12 29/32-12 25/32	6 months	14-13⅞
3 months	13 7/32-13 1/32	12 months	13 31/32-13 25/32

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	13½	3 months	13¼
7 days	13	6 months	13⅛
1 month	13	1 year	13⅛

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 13 Close 11

1 week	13⅛	6 months	13⅛
1 month	13	9 months	14¼
3 months	13⅛	12 months	14¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 13¼ 6 months 13¾

Finance House Base Rate 15% effective from today.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 30	Market rate (close) April 30
New York	$2.4250-4425	$2.4240-4250
Montreal	$2.3250-3455	$2.3270-3280
Amsterdam	8.24-25fl	8.22-26fl
Brussels	60.80-91 60f	61.30-50f
Copenhagen	14.25-33k	14.25-27k
Frankfurt	5.87-96m	5.93¼-94¾m
Lisbon	81.00-86.00e	81.00-86.00e
Madrid	138.50-141.50p	139.30-40.00p
Milan	1035-1335l	1033-33l
Oslo	12.93-99k	12.03-93k
Paris	11.30-88f	11.86¼-87¼f
Stockholm	10.35-40k	10.35-37k
Tokyo	673-83y	678-80y
Vienna	42.90-44.30sch	43.90-44.10sch
Zurich	7.09-12f	7.09-10f

Forward Levels

	1 Month	3 Months
New York	.90-.80c prem	2.15-2.05c premi
Montreal	.75-.85c prem	2.80-2.60c premi
Amsterdam	⅝-⅜c prem	2⅝-2⅛c prem
Brussels	05c prem-20c disc	30-55c prem
Copenhagen	6-9ö disc	15-21ö disc
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	11½-10¼pf prem
Lisbon	Not Available	Not Available
Milan	3-9lr disc	13-19lr disc
Oslo	1-4ö disc	6-3ö prem
Paris	2c prem-par	⅛c prem-1½c disc
Stockholm	9-13ö disc	8½-11½ö disc
Vienna	40gro prem-par	75-35gro prem
Zurich	3¼-4¼c prem	13½-12½c prem

Canadian dollar gross rates (against United States dollar.$0.13-15.

Eurodollar deposit calls: 10⅝-11%; seven days, 10¾-11¼; one month, 11⅛-11⅜; three months, 11½-12; six months, 11⅞-11⅞. Gold fixed: am, $168.50; pm, $169.25.

Commodities

COPPER rose £24.50 for cash wire bars and £12 for three months. Overnight United States advice, coupled with a tightening metals position, were the main influences. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £1,346-48 a metric ton; three months, £1,374-75. Sales, 1,025 tons. Cash cathodes, £1,321-23; three months, £1,352-54. Sales, 450 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £1,325-50; three months, £1,277-78. Settlement, £1,350. Sales, 1,075 tons. Cash cathodes, £1,320-21; three months, £1,357-58. Settlement, £1,320. Sales, 1,100 tons.

SILVER prices were marked up in line with firm New York advice, both overnight and early yesterday. At the close, LME prices were 6.75p to 8p higher in spite of heavy profit-taking. Bullion market fixing levels:—Spot, 331.40p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 801.0); three months, 335.80p (802.60); six months, 347.00p (832.10); one-year, 359.80p (867.40). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 334.5-360; three months, 344.5-44.7p; seven months, 354.5-60p. Sales, 188 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 332.0-33.0p; three months, 341.0-41.5p; seven months, 351.0-52.0p. Settlement, 333.0p. Sales, 30 lots.

TIN.—Forward metal broke through the £4,000 a metric ton mark following Monday's announcement of restrictions on GSA sales. But this well met at the higher levels by profit-taking. At the close, cash metal was £24 higher while three months added £25. Early covering and fresh buying was encouraged by the moderately higher Eastern price and new traded highs were seen for cash at £4,010 and three months at £4,015. Afternoon.—Cash, £4,005-10 a metric ton; three months, £4,005-10. Sales, 250 tons. Morning.—Cash, £3,995-4,000; three months, £3,995-4,000. Settlement, £4,000. Sales, 225 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M3.341 a picul.

LEAD steady, quiet, £1.50 higher. Afternoon.—Cash, £289-300 a metric ton; three months, £305.5-6.0. Sales, 325 tons. Morning.—Cash, £290-300; three months, £306-6.50. Settlement, £300. Sales, 2,350 tons.

ZINC scored fresh gains with cash metal £30 higher and three months £38.50 up. Chart and speculative buying supported further covering against physical supply difficulties. Trade sources said they understood the GSA's second-quarter offerings were heavily oversubscribed. Afternoon.—Cash, metals, £400-6.50. Settlement, £500. Sales, 2,350 tons. Morning.—Cash, £394-5; three months, £761-62. Settlement, £401. Sales, 4,100 tons. Producers' price, £330 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

BISMUTH.—99.99 per cent, $19.50-$20.50 per lb.

CADMIUM.—99.95 per cent ingots and sticks, $4.95-5.05 per lb.

PLATINUM gained £1.50 at £94.75-£97.75 ($230.00-$237.00) a troy ounce.

RUBBER dull. Cif's Malaran No. 1 RSS.—May, 38.75-39.25p per kilo; June, 38.50-39.00p; July, 38.00-75p. Sept, 35.50-37.50p. Settlements.—June, 38.75-39.00p; July, 37.00-39.00p; Aug and July/Sept, 38.00-50p; Oct/Dec, Jan/March and April/June, 38.75-39.00p; July/Sept and Oct/Dec, 38.75-39.25; Jan/March and April/June, 39.00-50p.

WOOL steady. May, 220.0-30.0p per kilo; July, 220.0-25.0p; Oct, 206.0-12.0p; Dec, and March, 205.0-12.0p; May, July and Oct, all 200.0-05.0p. Sales, 1 lot.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF.—Scotch killed sides, 31.0p (special quotation) and 27.5-30.5p per lb; English (forequarters Quasy), 18.0-21.0p; Elte forequarters, 19.0-21.5p; Argentine chilled boneless cuts—strip loins, 78.0-79.0p; rumps, 78.0-79.0p; top sides, 47.5-48.0p; silversides, 44.0-45.0p; thacks, 44.0-44.5p. VEAL.—English fats, 33.0p (special quotation) and 30.0-35.0p; bobbies, 12.0p (special quotation) and 9.0-11.0p; Dutch hands and ends, 46.0p (special quotation) and 42.0-45.0p. LAMB.—English small, 40.0-44.0p; medium, 38.0-42.0p; heavy, 36.0-40.0p; imported frozen New Zealand PL, 26.0-27.0p; YL, 26.5-27.5p; PL, 25.0-25.5p; YL, 25.0-27.0p; TM's, 25.0-25.5p. HOGGETS.—English, 24.0-30.0p. EWES.—12.0-16.0p. PORK.—English, under 100lb, 17.0-24.0p; 100-120lb, 18.0-23.0p; 120-160lb, 17.5-22.0p; 160-180lb, 18.0-21.0p; 180lb and over, 17.5-19.5p.

EGGS.—Home-produced.—The market for large and standard is firm, with some mortgage notwithstanding for the former, good inquiry has been sustained. In the imported sector the shortfall of home-produced has caused an increased demand. Home-produced market prices (based on trading packer, first-hand):

	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
White eggs		
Large	21.00 to 2.15	£1.05 to 1.15
Standard	£1.40 to 2.60	£1.50 to 1.70
Medium	£1.00 to 1.15	£0.95 to 1.15
Small	£1.00 to 2.10	£1.50 to 2.10
Brown eggs		
Large	£1.30 to 1.40	£1.30 to 1.45
Standard	£1.50 to 2.70	£2.40 to 1.75
Imported prices. Current arrivals (April 29-May 3): French 1's, £1.30 to 1.45; 2's, £1.10 to 1.25; 3's, £1.05 to 1.20; 4's, £1.00 to 2.95; 5's, £1.20 to —; 6's, £2.00. Belgian 1's, £1.15; 3's, £1.75; 4's, £2.45; 5's, £2.00. Dutch 3's, £2.45; 5's, £1.90 to 2.00.

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent on availability, location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

COFFEE.—Decline under mixed selling induced by the strength of sterling against the United States dollar and a softer overnight New York "C" contract, with underlying buying support mainly on dealer account. At the close prices were unchanged to £6.50 lower.

COCOA initially steady.— May £576.0-6.5 a long ton; Jly, £591.5-2.0; Sept, £610.5.0; Nov, £625.5-6.0; Jan, £641.5-0.0; March, £652.0-4.0; May, £667.5-8.0. Sales 1,543 lots, including 60 options.

ARABICA futures quiet.—Jly $83.80-84.00 per 50 kilos; Aug, $85.40-85.70; Oct, $87.90-88.00; Dec, $89.80-90.00; Feb, $91.40-91.60; April, $92.50-93.00. Sales, 30 lots.

COCOA fully steady.—May, £1,084.0-5.0 a metric ton; July, £977.0-9.0; Sept, £870.0-1.0; Dec, £718.0-20.0; March, £657.0-9.0; May, £634.0-5.0. Sales, 4,782 lots, including 13 options. ICO prices, daily, 88.59 cents per lb; 15-day average, 92.21c; 22-day, 93.02c.

TEA.—At a total of 9,806 packages of Ceylon teams was offered at yesterday's sale, according to the tea brokers' association. There was a strong and active demand for bright liquoring medium western, at frequently nearer rates. Mediums and plainer sorts were up to 3p per kilo easier.

SUGAR steady. The London daily price was up £2 to £213 a long ton. Aug, £219.75-20.00; Oct, £192.55-93.50; Dec, £178.75-79.00; March, £163.25-63.75; May, £151.75-51.75; Aug, £141.50-42.00. Sales, 1,821 lots. ISA price, 23.03 cents per lb; 17-day average, 21.93c.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, May trans-shipment, £79.60 east coast; US hard winter No 2, red, June trans-shipment east coast. MAIZE.—US 3 yellow American, May, £62.50; Jun, £61.50; July, £1.75 trans-shipment east coast. BARLEY.—EEC feed, May, £56.50; Jun, £56.00; July, £56.25 east coast. A long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin BARLEY steadier. May, £57.30; Sept, £59.45; Nov, £61.75; Jan, £63.50; March, £56.50. WHEAT steadier. May, £60.50; Sept, £63.80; Nov, £56.30; Jan, £57.90; March £60.00. A long ton.

SOYABEAN OIL quiet. May, $720.00-50.00 a metric ton; July, $720.00-35.00; Sept, $630.00-60.00; Nov, $535.00-45.00; Jan, $510.00-20.00; March, $495.00-510.00; May, $480.00-510.00. Sales, nil.

COPRA.—Philippines/Indonesian, May ,$740 nominal a metric ton.

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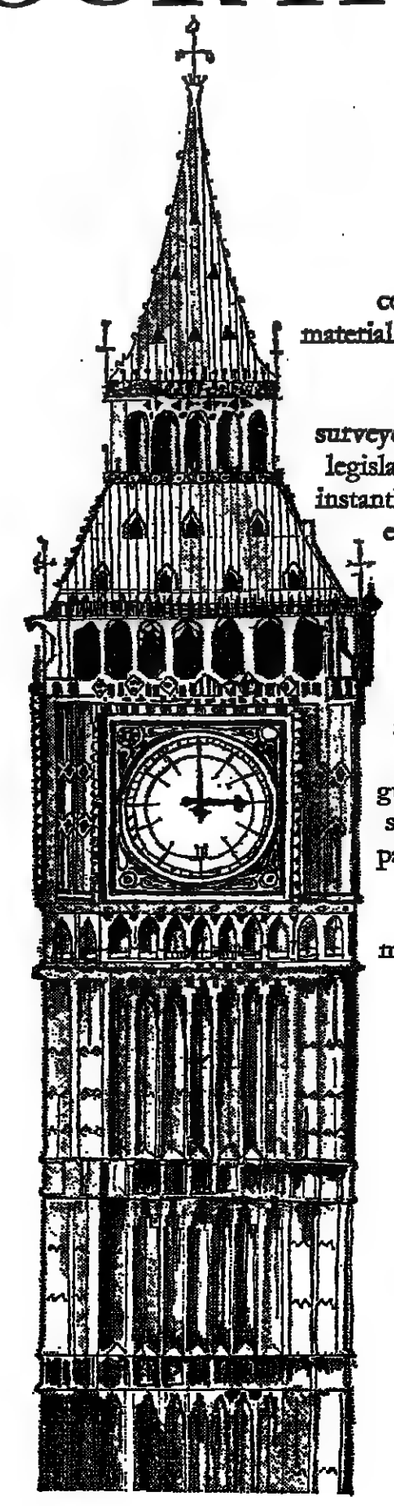

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Authorized Unit Trusts

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
48.1	30.7	Growth	70.0	75.4	3.00
45.6	31.6	Do Accum	30.5	33.2	1.00
44.1	35.2	Growth	34.5	36.8	3.00
35.3	26.5	Do Accum	25.7	27.4	3.00
45.5	29.8	Income	31.9	30.5	7.40
40.9	30.9	Do Accum	30.6	31.6	7.40
27.2	21.5	Int Accum	24.8	27.0	2.20
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
72-90 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-3941					
28.3	17.7	Abbey Gilt	19.2	19.1	7.57
25.0	19.3	Abbey Inc	20.6	21.8	4.89
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
8 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 01-589 2231					
47.9	31.3	Abbey Gilt	36.7	32.6	7.40
		Abbey Trust Managers.			
14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371					
31.2	22.5	Abbey Trust	24.6	27.3	3.93
33.1	33.9	Do Income	35.7	39.7	6.50
		Allied Hambro Group			
Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-583 2231					
71.6	47.7	Allied Cap	48.6	49.7e	5.06
62.7	46.3	Do 1st P	45.6	48.6	5.85
63.7	45.3	Brit Ind Inc	44.7	47.1	5.29
73.9	25.9	Growth Accum	25.6	27.3	5.33
32.3	20.7	Elec & Ind Dev	21.9	23.7e	5.62
37.9	21.6	Net Monthly Inc	27.0	24.0e	5.95
54.3	42.7	High Inc	41.7	44.5e	6.50
28.6	21.2	Equity Inc	24.7	26.3	7.01
24.6	22.5	International	22.7	23.8	1.56
115.4	79.6	Manufactured	87.7	93.8	5.29
34.1	23.6	Do Inc	34.5	36.7	7.31
92.5	64.0	Do Accum	66.0	70.4e	7.31
30.1	16.2	Do Smaller	16.9	18.0	5.86
25.9	18.1	Do Accum	18.1	19.3	4.62
28.1	18.8	2nd Smaller	19.2	20.5e	6.07
50.8	40.2	Secs of America	37.9	40.5	2.46
101.6	99.5	Exempt Fd	98.7	102.9	5.66
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd.			
1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH. 01-606 4010					
42.4	30.6	5th American	38.2	39.6e	4.42
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
252-5 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5251					
76.3	46.6	Barclay Cap	47.6	50.4e	5.06
75.7	47.4	Exempt	48.0	49.5e	7.16
25.2	16.6	Extra Inc	16.9	17.9e	9.03
66.6	44.9	Financial	42.7	45.2	4.57
34.6	21.1	General	21.7	23.0e	6.13
40.0	24.0	Growth Accum	24.5	26.0e	3.61
73.5	46.2	Income	49.0	51.6	7.47
32.0	20.7	Recovery	21.6	23.8	7.24
125.0	73.0	Trustee	74.5	78.7	5.81
60.6	41.8	Unicorn 500*	42.4	45.0e	5.21
50.3	33.7	Worldwide	42.0	44.0	3.96
65.5	39.2	Aust Income	60.1	63.0	2.31
19.6	68.3	Do Accum	70.0	73.7	2.31
		Wm Brandt's Sons & Co Ltd.			
36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3					
26 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6399					
143.0	95.0	Brandts Cap (4)	107.0	112.0	2.09
146.0	100.0	Do Accum (4)	111.0	118.0	1.95
161.0	90.0	Brandts Inc (4)	90.0	96.0	7.89
		Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd.			
Plantation House, Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4851					
109.0	76.0	Bridge Exempt (2)	76.0	80.0	6.04
256.0	185.0	Do Inc (2)	180.0	192.0	8.01
256.0	185.0	Do Cap (2)	189.0	127.0	2.54
218.0	111.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	125.0	133.0	2.54
116.0	88.0	O'seas Inc (2)	89.0	94.0	3.18
116.0	89.0	Do Accum (2)	91.0	96.0	3.18
		The British Life Office Ltd.			
21 Whitefriars St, London, EC4. 01-353 8060					
30.0	24.7	Brit Life	24.6	26.0e	6.04
32.7	22.3	Balanced (2)	22.6	24.5e	4.25
38.4	23.3	Do Accum (2)	23.8	25.7	4.25
49.6	28.4	Dividend (2)	28.6	30.5e	6.64
31.3	30.8	Opp Accum (2)	30.2	31.9e	3.30
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
Founders Court, Lothbury, London, EC2. 01-606 6300					
139.8	129.1	Brs Emp Inc (7)	130.2	135.2	6.50
166.6	138.7	Do Accum (7)	141.2	146.3	6.50
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6122					
25.8	20.4	Canada Growth	24.4	26.1	4.57
21.0	20.1	Do Accum	20.7	21.0	4.24
23.6	20.1	Income Dist	20.1	21.4e	8.44
23.5	23.4	Do Accum	21.1	22.2	8.44
		Cartiel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
Milburn House, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165					
77.3	55.9	Cartiel (3)	51.4	55.0	3.60
80.6	54.1	Do Accum	53.0	56.1	3.60
		Charities Official Investment.			
77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815					
41.1	36.0 Inc*	Inc	37.9	--	1.34
207.6	171.0	Accum* (24)	125.0	--	8.02
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999					
37.4	18.7	Cap (2)	18.9	20.1	3.11
30.0	14.8	Accum (2)	17.8	18.6e	3.32
34.3	24.6	Inc (2)	23.0	25.0e	6.47
43.5	31.6	Fin (2)	29.0	30.6e	7.41
25.0	17.6	Fixed Inv (2)	17.0	20.0e	9.35
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4871					
41.0	29.4	Growth Fnd	29.4	31.5	3.45
27.3	21.4	Inc Fnd	21.4	23.0	7.61
42.2	31.4	Reserves Fnd	31.4	33.7	4.48
48.8	30.5	High Div	31.4	33.4	7.96
		Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
1-4 Copthall Chambers, EC2. 01-606 8263					
234.0	234.0	Income	61.5	65.9	6.00
130.0	93.1	Accum	93.5	99.7	6.00
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
43/45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323-36711					
31.4	17.0	Commodity	18.0	19.2	3.84
30.6	23.3	Growth	23.3	24.8	3.86
21.4	17.0	Inv Trust	17.3	18.5	4.30
24.1	20.9	Dragonfly Inc	20.7	22.1	7.50
30.7	23.7	Do Accum	23.7	25.3	7.50
		Keyser Securities Ltd.			
41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851					
77.5	43.5	Progressive	48.7	46.3	3.70
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
Amersham Rd, High Wycombe, Bucks. 0494-32113					
52.4	41.1	Equity & Law	38.5	41.3e	4.76
		Family Fund Managers Ltd.			
72-90 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941					
74.3	58.6	Family Fnd	58.4	60.4	3.60
		Fenchurch Unit Management Ltd.			
Spencer Hse, 4 South Place, EC2. 01-628 4091					
52.6	41.3	Cap	43.2	46.0e	5.37
43.6	39.0	Inc	41.3	43.7	7.08
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers, Ltd.			
7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-623 4911					
53.3	39.8	Friends Prov	39.4	42.0e	5.30
50.3	39.8	Do Accum	39.8	42.3	5.30
		Funds in Court			
Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300					
Unauthorized Unit Trusts					
177.5	70.0	Cap	73.0	78.0e	3.38
84.8	80.0	Gross Inc	83.0	88.0	7.30
97.4	84.0	High Yield	83.0	84.0	8.03
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851					
23.0	21.1	G & A	20.3	21.6e	5.18
		GT Unit Managers Ltd.			
16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-606 3801					
91.0	54.4	GT Cap	59.0	58.8	2.00
92.8	55.1	Do Accum	57.4	59.3	2.00
69.4	51.1	Do Income	51.4	54.2	6.00
103.3	84.0	Do U S Gen Fnd	83.5	84.8	1.00
101.5	84.6	Do Japan Gen	82.3	84.5	1.00
		Great Winchester Unit Trusts.			
Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3 01-623 4851					
31.4	18.3	Gt Winchester	17.2	18.3	3.48
31.0	23.4	Overseas Fund	22.3	23.5	4.73
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd			
Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-621 1037					
62.0	54.6	Guardhill	57.3	59.3	4.79
		Henderson Administration Ltd.			
11 Austin Friars, London, EC2. 01-588 2820					
100.2	62.0	Cabot	88.9	92.0	3.60
107.8	116.0	Henderson Gr*	110.0	116.0	3.57
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers. Ltd.			
PO Box 173, Croydon, CR0 9AL. 01-681 1037					
48.1	39.4	Dollar	39.4	42.0e	1.46
30.9	28.3	International	24.7	26.3	2.41
111.3	93.3	Brit Trst	96.5	102.3	4.25
144.3	93.3	Brit Guernsey	97.6	102.3	2.91
27.6	17.4	Cap	18.4	19.7	4.23
19.3	16.1	Fin Trst	16.2	17.7e	3.09
25.3	18.1	Inc Trst	15.6	16.9e	7.9
28.4	18.0	High Yield	16.8	18.0	8.31
49.3	31.4	Secs Trst	32.2	34.5	4.95
		Invicta Unit Trust Management Ltd			
64 Coleman St, London, EC2. 01-638 5656					
101.0	92.0	Foreign Fnd (2)	87.7	93.7e	5.15
123.0	112.0	Growth Fnd (28)	120.0	126.0	5.10
109.0	73.3	Inc Fnd (28)	68.2	72.3e	11.14
		Jessel Securities Ltd.			
21 Young St, Edinburgh. 031-225 6732					
37.6	22.0	Compound (1)	22.5	24.5	1.63
39.0	23.8	Do Accum (1)	24.4	26.4	1.69
39.0	23.1	Sy'g Wdraw (1)	22.5	24.5	--
34.0	20.3	Preference	19.3	21.0	14.79
34.0	20.3	Do Accum	19.3	21.0	14.79
26.6	17.0	Cap (2)	16.4	18.0	--
28.3	23.5	Aust Comp Fnd	23.4	25.4	2.88
35.4	23.5	Sep W'draw	32.7	34.7	..
31.5	23.3	Sector Ldrs (3)	25.1	26.7	3.40
24.3	14.3	Fin & Prop (3)	14.1	15.5	4.24
41.5	28.3	Int Growth (4)	29.0	31.0	3.39
25.7	22.7	Nth Sea (3)	21.8	23.0	2.64
45.0	30.8	Commodity (5)	32.8	36.0	2.44
49.1	34.9	Do Accum (5)	38.4	41.0	1.44
49.1	32.1	10½% W'draw (5)	34.6	37.8	..
		Jessel Britannia Group.			
155 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-623 7865					
68.1	54.5	Brit Comm Plus	62.2	67.1	4.83
49.3	29.1	Brit Gen	29.7	31.8e	4.83
41.0	30.8	Extra Inc	30.0	32.1	7.78
21.9	21.9	Fenchurch H Inc	21.9	22.7	12.78
88.5	37.3	Jessel Cap	37.1	40.6	4.23
73.0	18.4	Do City of Ldn	42.3	45.4	4.87
63.8	49.6	Do Glcap	47.2	50.9	2.52
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MAGNIFICENT GEORGIAN STYLE FAMILY HOUSE
in prime residential position.
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Prime position in most sought after Riverside Village.
A FAMILY RESIDENCE OF CHARACTER virtually re-built within last 10 years.
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Marlow 3 miles, Maidenhead 4 miles, Slough 8 miles.
Beautiful location with panoramic views.
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A PICTURESQUE CONVERTED 18th CENTURY MILL IN 8½ ACRES sheltered and beautiful grounds astride the delightful Upper River Wey.
"The Old Mill House, Bramshott, Nr. Liphook."
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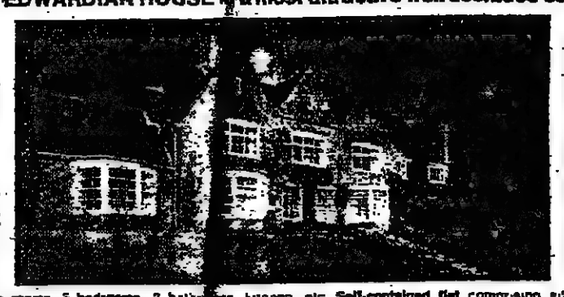

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Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Nursery, Domestic Offices, 6 Main Bedrooms, 3 Secondary Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms. Oil-fired Central Heating. Useful Outbuildings, Swimming Pool, Hard Tennis Court, Attractive Garden.
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AN ATTRACTIVE SMALL COUNTRY HOUSE
In a particularly delightful rural setting with fine views
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In the heart of the Whaddon Chase country
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(Consent for further dwelling.)
FOR SALE BY AUCTION 7th JUNE, 1974 (unless previously sold)

HERTFORDSHIRE
Superb semi-rural setting on the outskirts of Hemel Hempstead
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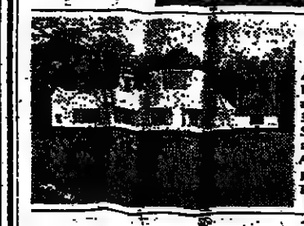

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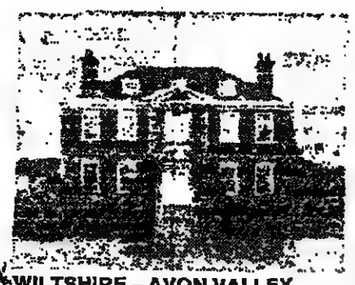

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With Open farmland views.
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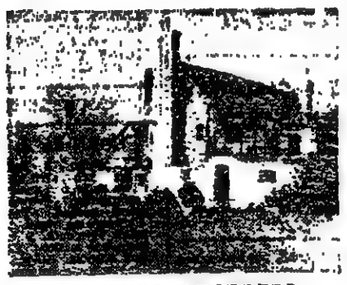

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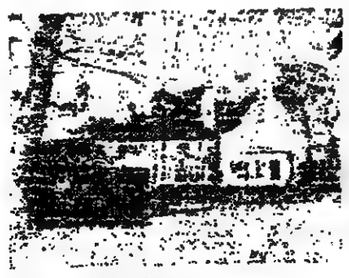

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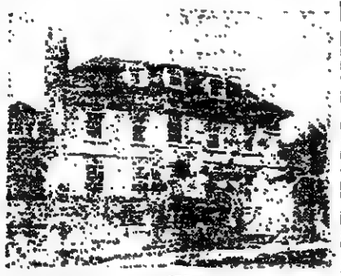

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In all about 1½ Acres.
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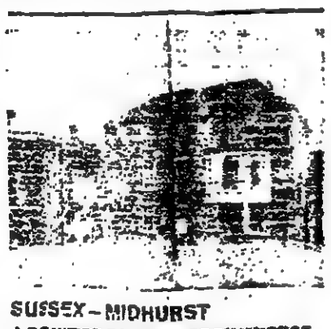

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2 Principal Suites of Bedroom and Bathroom, 2 Further Bedrooms, 3rd Bathroom. Elegant Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Sun Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Cloakroom. Full Gas Fired Central Heating to Main House. Self Contained Flat of 2 Rooms, Kitchen and Bathroom. Double Garage. Garden Room.
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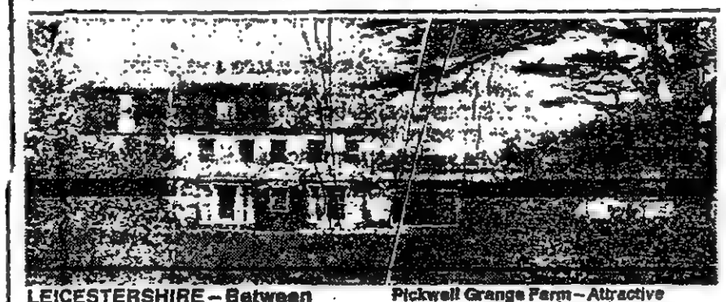

LEICESTERSHIRE – Between OAKHAM and MELTON MOWBRAY IN THE COTTESMORE COUNTRY
THE PICKWELL MANOR ESTATE COMPRISING XVIIITH CENTURY PICKWELL MANOR
Standing in its own Delightful Grounds and Park of 13 acres and containing 4 Reception Rooms, 6 Principal Bedrooms, 5 Bathrooms, Staff Flat.
Fine stabling for 6. Garaging for 4.
3 Cottages. Hard Tennis Court.
Oil Fired Central Heating.
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Accommodation Land with 102 acres Modern Cottage and including the Village Cricket Field.
The whole extending to about 430 Acres.
With Vacant Possession (Subject Only to Minor Lettings).
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WEST KENT
A FINE AND HISTORIC COUNTRY HOUSE IN A MAGNIFICENT SETTING
Entrance Hall, 4 Reception Rooms. Study, Kitchen, Domestic Offices, Cellars, 2 Principal Bedrooms with Bathrooms en suite, 6 other Bedrooms and 2 Further Bathrooms. Clock Tower. Night Storage Heaters. Garage for 3/4 Cars. Outbuildings, Secluded Gardens and Woodland, Planning Permission exists to convert the house into two.
In all about 5 Acres (2.8 H.A.)
Freehold for Sale by Auction on 27th June, 1974 (unless sold previously).
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BERKSHIRE
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AN ATTRACTIVE FARMHOUSE IN LOVELY COUNTRY
The house has been well maintained and gives scope for further improvement, including two fine barns forming a large courtyard.
The accommodation includes: Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom.
Garden and Grounds of About 1.3 Acres.
For Sale Freehold. Apply: Newbury Office

IN A SUPERB POSITION ON THE NORTH BERKSHIRE DOWNS
A well maintained cottage with beautiful grounds of about 2 acres and fine views.
Accommodation: Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Utility Room, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Shower Room.
Oil-fired central heating.
Useful Outbuildings. Swimming Pool. Gardens, Orchard and Grounds of About 2 Acres. Price: £53,000 Freehold (To include certain items)
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7 miles Hungerford.
A SMALL MANOR HOUSE in a beautiful position on high ground and standing within an old Roman Moat. The property is early 18th Century and has well proportioned rooms.
The Accommodation comprises: Hall, Cloakroom, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 6 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Sax Room, Staff Cottage, Brewhouse, Garaging, Loose Boxes. Gardens and grounds of about 3½ Acres (including delightful walled flower garden).
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A GENUINE COUNTRY HOUSE IN THE FRENCH PROVINCIAL STYLE
Magnificently situated on the edge of a pretty village and enjoying distant views over unspoilt countryside.
Designed for entertaining and with planning permission for an additional wing.
Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Study/Library, Drawing Room with Minstrel Gallery, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Sauna Bath, 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms (arranged in suites).
Heated Indoor Swimming Pool.
Double Garage, Terraced Courtyard, Fountain, Hard Tennis Court, Paddock.
In all about 2½ Acres.
Further details from Horsham Office or Berkeley Square Office

WESTCOTT – NEAR DORKING
Dorking 3 Miles.
A BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED PERIOD FAMILY HOUSE
With lovely views to National Trust Land.
The Accommodation: 4 Reception Rooms, Main Suite of Bedroom, Dressing Room and Bathroom, 7 Further Bedrooms and 3 Bathrooms, Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Wine Cellars.
Garaging for 3 Cars. Converted Barn. Hard Tennis Court. Paddock and Gardens of About ½ Acres.
Freehold £[illegible]
Apply: Horsham Office

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Alton 4 miles.
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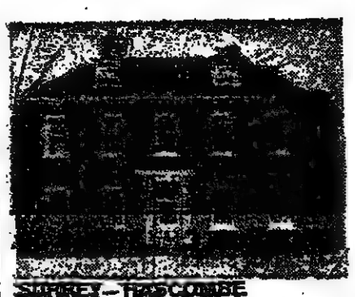
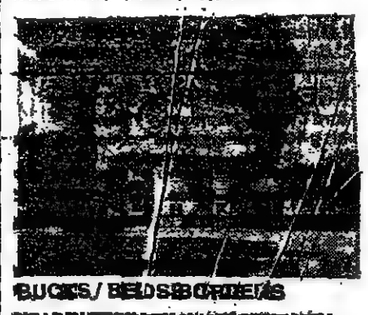
(Waterloo 45 minutes).
A CHARMING 16TH CENTURY HOUSE IN ONE OF HAMPSHIRE'S MOST [illegible]
Hall, 27 ft Drawing Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Modern Kitchen, Principal Bedroom with Shower Room en suite, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom. Oil Fired Central Heating. Garage. Garden and Small Paddock. Total About ¾ Acres.
For Sale by Auction later in the summer (Private Sale Previously).
Apply: Southampton Office

SUSSEX
Between Haywards Heath and Wivelsfield.
Haywards Heath 2 miles.
A [illegible] RESIDENCE WITH SUPERB VIEWS TO THE SOUTH DOWNS AND [illegible] BY PARKLAND.
Main Suite of Bedroom and Bathroom, 7 other Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Reception Hall, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Study, Cloakroom, Magnificent Modern Kitchen/Breakfast Room and Domestic Offices, Playroom, Garden Room.
Full Oil Fired Central Heating.
Garaging for 2 Cars. Extensive Range of Outbuildings.
Lodge Cottage and Farm Buildings.
Tennis Lawn. Garden and Paddocks.
Extending to About 35 Acres.
Offers invited for the Freehold
Joint Agents: Day & Son, Haywards Heath. 3705 and John D. Wood & Co., Horsham Office

SUSSEX – [illegible]
Horsham 2 miles.
A SUBSTANTIAL HOUSE IDEALLY SITUATED IN THE ATTRACTIVE VILLAGE
Beautifully decorated with spacious Reception rooms.
5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Study, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Utility Room, Oil Fired Central Heating.
Self Contained Flat of 3 Rooms, Kitchen/Dining Room, Bathroom.
Double Garage, Car Port, Delightful Secluded Gardens of About ½ acre.
Freehold – For Sale by Auction on 7th May, 1974 (Unless Sold Previously) at The Town Hall, Horsham.
Joint Sole Agents:
Messrs. King and Chasemore, Carfax, Horsham, Sussex. Tel. Horsham (0403) 64441.
Messrs. John D. Wood and Co., Horsham Office.



SURREY – HASLEMERE
Near Godalming. London 37 miles. Godalming 5 miles.
AN OUTSTANDING EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY HOUSE IN A WOODLAND SETTING BUT WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS TO THE SOUTH DOWNS
Hall, 5 Reception Rooms, 8 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Garaging, Stabling
2 Paddocks and Woodland.
For Sale Freehold with About 10 Acres.
Joint Sole Agents: Knight Frank and Rutley, 20 Hanover Square, London, W1R 0AH. Tel. 01-629 8171 and John D. Wood & Co., Berkeley Square Office.



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About 15 Acres in all. Freehold for Sale by Private Treaty (or Auction Later).
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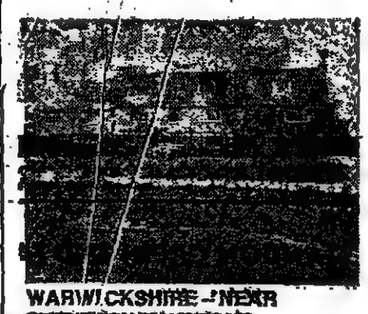

WARWICKSHIRE – NEAR SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR
Shipston-on-Stour 3 miles.
Banbury 15 miles. Stratford 12 miles.
A LIGHT ATTRACTIVE VILLAGE HOUSE BUILT IN CAMPDEN STONE
Entrance Hall, Study, Sitting Room, Kitchen and Breakfast Room, 2 Principal Double Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms; 2 Good Secondary Bedrooms; Self Contained 2 Bedroomed Guest Cottage.
Attractive Garden with Stream running through and adjoining Meadowland.
Freehold for Sale by Auction in the Summer (Unless Sold Privately)
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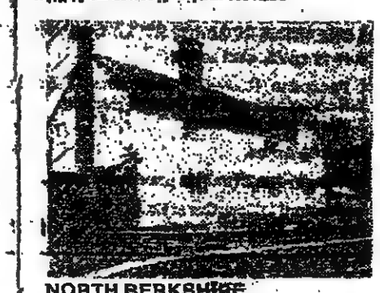

NORTH BERKSHIRE
3 miles Didcot Station.
A GEORGIAN VILLAGE HOUSE OF CHARACTER (Listed as Grade II)
The accommodation comprises Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Cloakroom, Utility Room, 5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms.
Separate Cottage with 2 Reception Rooms, 2 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Bathroom.
Garden of About 1 Acre. For Sale by Private Treaty. Apply: Newbury Office

SUSSEX – LINDFIELD
Haywards Heath 1 mile.
ONE OF THE FINEST LARGE HOUSES CLOSE TO THE MOST ATTRACTIVE VILLAGE HIGH STREET.
Entrance Lobby, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Study, 6 Main Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility Room, Self Contained Wing of 1/2 Rooms and Bathroom, Garage Block for 4 Cars, Various Outbuildings, Full Oil Fired Central Heating, Immaculate Formal and Kitchen Garden of about 2 acres.
Offers in the region of £80,000
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Northampton 14 miles. Banbury 14 miles.

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ESSEX—HERTS BORDER

Bishop's Stortford 3 miles, Liverpool Street 36 minutes.

Delightful coach house conversion in the grounds of an old mansion approached by a long drive avenue and featuring the magnificent original water garden. 2/3 reception rooms, 3/4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, part central heating, walled garden, small orchard and the pool and woodland garden with some superb trees.

About 4½ acres. Offers around £45,000.

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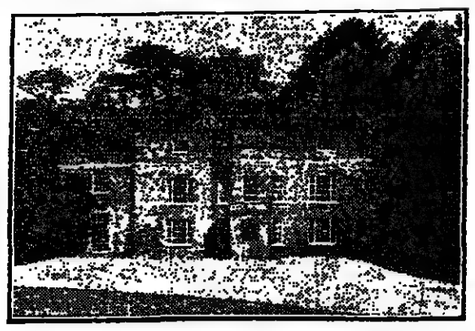
DORSET—Near Blandford

Blandford 6 miles, Shaftesbury 12 miles.

Charming 16th century thatched cottage occupying fine secluded position. 2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, garage, informal garden and paddocks of about 3 acres.

SAVILLS, Wimborne Office. Tel: (020125) 2212.



SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE 49 ACRES

Henley 2 miles, Reading 6 miles, M4 8 miles, London 36 miles.

Superb Georgian rectory in a beautiful unspoilt valley facing south over its paddocks. 4 reception rooms, garden room, 6 bedrooms, dressing room, 5 bathrooms, attic, flat, central heating, 2 cottages, stabling, garaging.

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ESSEX

Colchester 5 miles.

Secluded village position overlooking heath. Late Georgian character house dating from 1840. 2 reception rooms, "library" hall, sun room, 2 self-contained bedroom suites each with dressing room and bathroom, central heating, garaging for 3/4 and extensive range of outbuildings ideal for a number of uses, superlative show garden with pool, paddock. **About 2½ acres. £42,500.**

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SAVILLS, 136 London Road, Chelmsford, Essex. Tel: (0245) 69311.

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In Green belt country between the Chalfonts, Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross.

Small country estate featuring delightful 16th Century house overlooking group of ponds. 3 reception rooms, 7 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, oil-fired central heating, garage/cottage block, granary and delightful gardens and grounds with fine shrubs, orcharding, pasture and woodland. **Auction on 15th May (unless previously sold).**

HETHERINGTON, SWANNELL & SECRETT, 34 Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. Tel: (02813) 86666.

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MID SUSSEX

London 31 miles, Gatwick 5 miles, Three Bridges Station 4 miles, London 46 minutes.

Exceptionally attractive Tudor house of great character. 4 reception rooms, sun room, 6 bathrooms, 7 bedrooms, oil-fired central heating, double garage, delightful terraced garden and paddock. **3.8 acres in all. Also a pair of cottages for conversion.**

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17th Century Farmhouse. 2 Reception Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom.
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MID-ESSEX

Chelmsford 7 miles. Liverpool Street 35 minutes.

A CHARMING REGENCY STYLE COUNTRY HOUSE
in an unspoilt rural setting

4 Reception Rooms. 7 Bedrooms. 3 Bathrooms.
Self-contained flat. Oil Central Heating.
Gardens and paddocks.

About 6½ Acres.

Auction in June (unless previously sold).

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Brentwood 2 miles. Liverpool Street 25 minutes.

A SUBSTANTIAL FARMHOUSE AND RANGE OF GOOD OUTBUILDINGS
situated in the green belt

Hall, 4 Reception Rooms. 4 Bedrooms. Bathroom.
Central Heating.
Barn and Stabling for approx. 12 horses. 3 Paddocks.

About 7 Acres.

Joint Agents: Savills, 136 London Road, Chelmsford Tel. 69311 and Strutt & Parker, **Chelmsford Office.** Coval Hall. Tel. 0245 58201 (Ref. 2BU1127)

NORTH ESSEX

Sible Hedingham, Braintree 7 miles.
Liverpool Street 1 hour.

AN HISTORIC FULLY RESTORED MANOR HOUSE OF GREAT CHARACTER
With fine country views set in attractive grounds on outskirts of village
4 Reception Rooms. 5 Bedrooms. 2 Bathrooms.
Oil Central Heating. Garage. Outbuildings.
Well maintained 1½ Acre garden. Additional land of 6½ Acres.
In all about 7½ Acres.
PRIVATE TREATY or AUCTION LATER as a whole or in 2 lots.
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Liverpool Street 70 minutes. Colchester 13 miles.

AN IMPOSING VICARAGE
situated in spacious grounds on outskirts of village
Entrance Hall, 5 Reception Rooms. 6 Bedrooms.
2 Bathrooms. Central Heating.
Garages and outbuildings.
Timbered Gardens and grounds. Building plot.
About 1½ Acres.
Auction in 1 or 2 lots on 14th June, 1974 (unless previously sold).
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ESSEX

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A CHARMING PERIOD VILLAGE HOUSE
with views over the surrounding undulating countryside

Hall, 3 Reception Rooms. 6 Bedrooms. 2 Bathrooms.
Central Heating. Outbuildings including Essex Barn.
Cottage and Bungalow for renovation.
Timbered gardens and grounds.

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in commanding elevated position with fine views

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In quiet area of village, substantial end-terraced house with open westerly aspect. Tastefully modernised and centrally heated, it comprises Lounge, Dining Room, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom and usual offices. Some furnishings included in sale.

Further particulars from A. F. & C. D. Smith, Solicitors, 7 North Strand Street, Stranraer (2693).

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Modernised stone built detached cottage in Beautiful setting with panoramic views, sitting room, with stone built fireplace and Elm staircase, kitchen and extension, 1-2 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, with heated towel rail, bath and sun porch, storage heaters, delightful garden with shrubs and trees, curtains and carpets. Hobs, electric cooker all included.

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2/3 bed, lounge, modern kitchen and bathroom. All mains; full gas C.H., 40ft deep mooring; country surrounding, yet only 16 miles Hyde Park Corner. Offers region £22,500.—Tel 01-979 1789.

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WEST SUSSEX.—Charming old cottage in exceptionally pretty garden, 4 miles west of Chichester. 2/3 bedrooms, bathroom, sitting room, dining room and study, kitchen, ground floor w.c. Garage, greenhouse, workshop, gas c.h. This house. £14,750.—Phone Compton 260.

UPPER BANGOR. Caerns. Architect designed 4 beds. house, attached garage, mature garden. Delightful peaceful situation, view of Menai Straits. Offers around £26,000.—Box 1727 C, The Times.

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ARCHDALE.—On April 30th, 1974, to Sophie (nee Pepper) and Jeremy Archdale of Moscar Lodge, near Sheffield—a daughter.

BOYLE.—On 29th April in the Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Angela and David — a son.

BROOKE.—On 24th April, 1974, in Germany, to Philippa (nee Crosby) wife of Lieutenant Michael Brooke, R.E.—a son (James Mark Hastings).

CHEW.—On April 29th, at Foresterhill Maternity Hospital, Aberdeen, to Jennifer (nee Comrie) and Geoffrey —a daughter (Elizabeth) sister for Peter.

CORDLE.—On 28th April, at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Penelope and Paul Cordle—a daughter.

DAY.—On April 29th at Amersham Hospital, to Kathryn (nee Jenkinson) and Eric—a daughter (Rebecca Claire), sister for Joanna.

ELLIOTT.—On April 29th at St. George's Hospital to Sheila (nee Robinson) and John Elliott—Vanessa, sister for Julia.

GILBERT.—On April 25th, in Dorking, to Judy (nee Croft) and Richard Gilbert—a daughter (Joanna Mary Pakenham)

GODSAL.—On April 30th, at the Mowbray Maternity Hospital, Exeter, to Janeen (nee Edge-Partington) and David Godsal—a daughter (Nicola Janet).

HART.—On Friday, 26th April, to Sue and Colin—a son (Nathan John Dine).

HOBBS.—On 29th April at Gloucester, to Sarah (nee Meade-King) and Quincey Hobbs—a son (Edward Quincey), a brother for Simon.

IRELAND.—On April 27th, at Harlow and Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, to Mary (nee Blythe) and John Ireland—a son.

LOWE.—On April 29th, to Ruth and Bill—a son (James William Jonathan).

MERL.—On 16th April 1974 in Ridgewood, New Jersey, U.S.A., to Ralph and Patricia (nee Glass) a daughter, Alison Clare.

O'MALLEY.—On 29th April, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Frances (nee Ryan) and Stephen O'Malley—a daughter.

ONLEY.—On April 25th, at Grimsby Maternity Home, to Alwyn and Christine (nee Puncheon)—a handsome son (Jeremy Francis).

POLLOCK.—On 29th April, 1974, at Withington Hospital, Manchester, to Janette and Richard Pollock—a daughter (Catherine Mary Henrietta), a sister for Alasdair and Sheena.

RICHARDSON.—On April 29th at the Fulford, York, to Angela (nee Bateman) and Martin Richardson—a son and daughter.

SAX.—On April 28th to Margaret (nee Penny) and Richard Sax—a daughter (Charlotte Louise), sister for Catherine and Josephine.

SWAYNE.—On April 29th, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Camilla (nee Rumbold) and Giles—a son (Orlando Benedict Carles).

TAYLOR.—On April 29th, at Oxford, to Patsy (nee Blomfield) and Julian Taylor—a son.

WEBB.—On April 25, at Queens Park Hospital, Blackburn, to Gay (nee Dixon) and Robert Webb—a daughter (Catherine Jennifer).

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Wench, from Boggie, Haggis and Apalachee.

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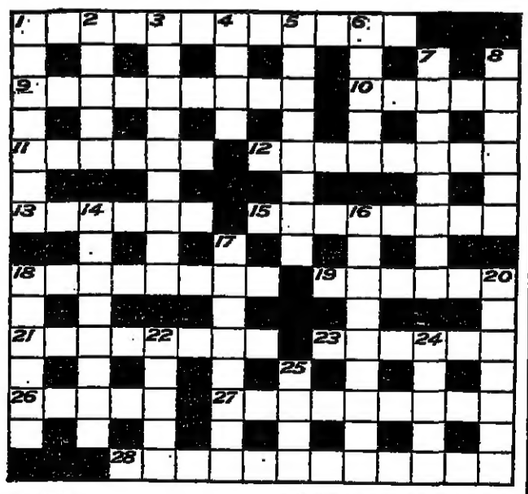

ACROSS

1 Birds bombarded with chaff or flowers? (6, 6).
9 The less wild way of the conqueror (9).
10 Falling away of the northern Europeans, say (5).
11 Observer's job is nothing if not hearty (6).
12 All said and done, perhaps they impede breathing (8).
13 Newsman tried getting round difficulty (6).
15 Dismiss the members for sport (8).
17 Criminal of note in strange disorder (8).
19 Son god's not out producing fruit (6).
21 25s about foreign noblemen (8).
23 "But, soft! what light through yonder breaks?" (R & J) (6).
26 Wilderness, first rate do (5).
27 What is stated to be foolish talk about shaking dice (9).
28 In a word no US news (12).

DOWN

1 Suite in VIP's train (7).
2 Compass of notes early in the passage (5).
3 Wrong to rouse Nero? Awfully! (9).
4 Author detailed to do this to his books (4).
5 They mix tea and whisky (8).
6 Material used in many long dresses (5).
7 Jump points and get trapped by these (8).
8 Man of property, being in the French environment (6).
14 One who acquitted himself well as Pope? (8).
16 Cashing in on Nigel's air of confusion (9).
17 Get production of soft steel up seventfold (8).
18 Highly coloured swimmer, but not loud (6).
20 Source of William Morris's 28 (7).
22 Wedding—then Jack goes on the staff (5).
24 Outlet for brains? (5).
25 Give instruction to an archer (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,675

MARRIAGES

COMYN : GARNER.—On the 27th April, at St. James's, Sarnes, John Robert Geoffrey, only son of the late Robert A. Comyn, of Rusenbure Farm, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, and Mrs. Comyn, of The Cross House, Turnastone, Herefordshire, to Cynthia Joyce Finch, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Garner, of Albany Lodge, Staple, Kent.

DOBSON : WRAY.—On Saturday, April 27th, 1974, at St. Mary's Church, Cadogan St., London, Christopher Dobson to Josephine Wray.

FOSTER : FAITHFULL-DAVIES.—On Saturday, April 27th, 1974, Roger Foster to Deborah Faithfull-Davies at St. Mary the Virgin, Birchanger, Bishop's Stortford.

DEATHS

COPELAND.—On April 30th, 1974, peacefully, at Eastbourne, George Frederick, dearly beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of Daphne, much loved grandfather of Jennifer and Timothy. Cremation private. Memorial service at St. John's Church, Meads, Eastbourne, on Monday, May 6th, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only.

COWAN.—On April 30th, 1974, at the London Clinic after a long illness, bravely borne, Maurice Cowan, dearly beloved husband of Lore, brother of Rase and Sidney. Funeral, West London Synagogue Cemetery, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, on Wednesday, May 1st, at 3 p.m. Prayers at West London Synagogue Hall, 33 Seymour Place, W.1, at 6.30 p.m. the same day. No flowers, please, but donations if desired for the Imperial Cancer Research.

DICKS.—On 30th April, 1974, Ronald Turner, in Salisbury, Rhodesia.

FANSHAWE.—On April 27th, 1974, peacefully in hospital, Brig. George Hew Fanshawe, C.B.E., of Kensington Park, near Orford, late of the Queen's Bays. Funeral at the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Burstow, at 3.0 p.m., on Thursday, May 2nd. Flowers may be sent to Reeves and Pain, 268 Abingdon Road, Oxford.

FALCONER.—On April 29th, 1974, peacefully, at Nutters House, Brickett Wood, St. Albans, the Honorable Elsie Faulconer, aged 88 years. Mother of Humfrey and Ivor. Funeral at Aldenham Church on Monday, 6th May, at 2.30 p.m. No mourning, at her request, but flowers may be sent if desired to J. Longmuir & Sons, King St., Watford.

FESTING.—On April 28th, at Bayonne, France, Eleanor, only daughter of the late Major-General Sir Francis and Lady Festing.

FLOWERS.—On April 29th, suddenly at home, Hainka, 45 Richings Way, Iver, Bucks., Major Harry Flowers, M.B.E., M.M., Royal Artillery (retired), dearly loved husband of Inge and darling Daddy of Kay. Funeral announcement later.

FRANKLIN.—On April 29th, 1974, peacefully at his home in Chorleywood, Herts., Ernest James Franklin, J.P., aged 96 years. Dearly beloved husband of Barbara and father of Ernest. Funeral service Emmanuel Church, Chorleywood, Friday, May 3rd, at 3.30, followed by interment at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery.

GRANT, PETER ANTHONY ST. CLAIR, on 29th April, 1974. On your charity pray for the repose of his soul.

HENRIQUES.—On April 30th, 1974, peacefully at his home, 7 Oldbury Grove, Knotty Green, Bucks, after an illness borne with great courage, Wilfrid Quixano Henriques, O.B.E., aged 81 years, husband of the late Beatrice Henriques and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Penn, Bucks, on Saturday, 4th May, at 11.0 a.m. Flowers may be sent to the church.

JAMES.—On April 29th at his home in Seer Green, Bucks, Philip Bruton James, C.B.E., aged 72, adored husband of Bertha, dear father of Paul, Caroline and the late Martin, beloved by his grandchildren, Rupert, Marina, Conrad and Oliver. Family funeral at Chelvey (near Bristol), Somerset on Saturday, May 4th at 2.30 p.m.

LUCAS.—On 30th April, 1974, Florence, aged 85, devoted wife of the late Dr N. F. Lucas, and loving mother of Kathleen, Elsie and Mary (killed in action 1942). Funeral Thursday, May 2nd, 4 p.m., Willesden Cemetery, Beaconsfield Road, N.W.10.

McQUEEN, THOMAS HUGH.—On April 30th, at Gorton House, Claydon, Finmouth, Taunton. Funeral service West Monkton Church, Taunton, 12.30 p.m., Friday, 3rd May. No flowers by request. Donations to Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

MacLEHOSE.—On 29th April, 1974, Norman Donald MacLehose, D.S.O., D.L., of Glenasir, Clynder, Dunbartonshire. Until recently chairman of Robert MacLehose and Co., Ltd., Printers, Glasgow. Beloved husband of Sheila, and much loved father of his children and step-children. Funeral service at St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Helensburgh, at 11.15 a.m., on Thursday, 2nd May. No flowers, or wreaths, please.

MARQUIS DE SAINT-GENYS.—Suddenly on April 23rd in Paris, aged 78. He was attached to the Coldstream Guards during World War II. 102, Rue de Grenelle, 75007, Paris.

MELLERSH.—Frederick George Mellersh, of 8 Manor Gardens, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey, peacefully on 30th April, aged 78, at United Park Nursing Home. Dearly loved husband of Rachel and father of Antonia and Nicolas. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium, Compton Road, Godalming, on Friday, 3rd May, 12.30 p.m. No flowers by request.

MURRAY.—On 30th April, 1974, Nancy, at home after a long and painful illness borne with great courage, wife of Archie, mother of Gnatia, John and Gillie. Much loved by all who knew her. Funeral private at 11.15 a.m. on 3rd May followed by cremation. Family flowers only: no letters, please.

OWEN.—On April 29th, 1974, peacefully in a Deaynes nursing home, Julia May Owen, wife of the late Professor Edwin A. Owen, of Penbre, College Road, Bangor. Private service at Penbre tomorrow, Thursday, at 2 p.m. followed by interment at Glanadda Cemetery, Bangor.

DEATHS

OWEN.—April 29th, Julia May, of Penbre, Bangor, widow of Emeritus Professor, Edwin A. Owen, and dear mother of Professor John Vaillance-Owen, Belfast. Funeral, Thursday, 2nd May, 2 p.m.

PIGOTT.—On April 30th, peacefully, at home, at Walsingham, Carnobel Charlotte (nee Bowden-Smith), aged 85, wife of Sir Berkeley Pigott, Bart., and mother of Stephanie, Veronica and Hanny. Funeral private. R.I.P.

POINTER.—On 29th April, 1974, at the Rutland Nursing Home, Langham, Oakham, Alfred Pointer, aged 88 years, of Merton House, Cambridge Street, St Neots, Huntingdon. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, St. Neots, on Tuesday, 7th May, at 2.30 p.m. followed by private cremation. Floral tributes may be sent to C. G. Evans & Sons, Funeral Directors, St. Neots.

RUSH.—On Friday, April 26th, suddenly at home, Howard James (Jim), aged 59, of Widmecombe Lodge, Selcoot Lane, Winscombe, Somerset, husband of Pat, father of Anita and Cheryl, and grandfather of Karen, Heidi, Marianna and Candida. Cremation, at Weston-super-Mare on Friday, May 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Gentlemen only, by request. A memorial service will be held at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, May 4th, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to Mrs. Ida Nicholls, 42 Bream Down Ave., Weston-super-Mare, for the Weston and District Society for the Spastic and Mentally Handicapped.

SELLS.—On April 29th, Frances Elizabeth (nee Frances Davies) of Cedar House, Cobham, Surrey. Widow of Doctor Roland Sells, late of Westcliffe on Sea, Essex. Cremation at 10 a.m., Monday, May 6th, Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Flowers to James & Thomas Ltd., Mill Rd., Cobham, Surrey.

SHEPHERD.—On 29th April peacefully at home at Dittisham, Hemsby, Bunsar, Suffolk, Lilly Jane Alexander (Bunty), widow of Lt.-Col. Sidney Shepherd, M.C., M.P., and beloved mother of Michael, Colin and Carolyn. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Barsham, near Beccles, Friday, 3rd May at 2.15 p.m.

SPARROW.—At the City General Hospital, Carlisle, on 29th April, 1974, Elsie May, loved sister of Bertha Keatley and aunt of Barbara Sharp with whom she lived at "High Meadow", Dalston, Cumbria, formerly of Ely, Cambridgeshire. Cremation private.

STANSFELD, WINIFRED ANNE (Aunt).—On April 27th, 1974, of Old Farm Cottage, West Wickham, Cambridge, and formerly with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, London. After a short illness, aged 63 years. Funeral service at the Parish Church, West Wickham Cambridge, on Friday, May 3rd, at 3.15 a.m., followed by cremation at The Crematorium, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, at 10.30 a.m. No flowers, please.

STAYSAM.—On April 28th, 1974, in hospital, Major Frank Leslie, M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., of 3 Park Close, Old Harfield, adored husband of Margaret and father of John and Paul. Cremation private, a memorial service at the Guards Chapel will be held at a later date. All enquiries to J. J. Burgess and Sons, Alfred House, The Common, Hatfield 62122.

TWOGOOD, FIONA JEAN, aged 20 years, on 29th April, as the result of a road accident. Much loved and lovely daughter of Allan and Jean of Prestwood, Bucks, and dearest sister of Liz and her husband Hamish. Funeral Little Missenden Church, Saturday, 4th May, at 12.00 noon. Flowers to Sawyer Funeral Service, 72 West St., Marlow.

WALLER.—On Thursday, April 19th, 1974, peacefully, Lady Susan Dorothy Mary, widow of Sir Maurice and beloved mother of Richard Hope. Cremation private. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Michael's Church, Cranford.

WILLS.—On April 29th, 1974, at home, Barbara Beth, beloved wife of Edward S. Wills, dear mother of Edward M., Elizabeth (Suzie) and Heather, and Grannie B to Jonathan and Timothy. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Crawley, 2.15 p.m., Friday, 3rd May. Please, no flowers, but if her request donations instead to: Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, 56 Redcliffe Square, SW10 9HQ.

WOODBURN.—On April 28th, 1974, Rosamond Helen Woodburn, M.B.E., T.D., of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. Dear sister of Barbara Grove and Brownie Div Hamilton. Funeral service at Clayton Church on Friday, May 3rd at 4.15 p.m. No flowers. No letters.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BROUGHALL.—A service of thanksgiving for Alan Broughall will be held in Winchester Cathedral on Friday, 17th May, at 11.30 a.m.

CRAIG.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Irene Craig will be held on Wednesday, 8th May, at 12.15 p.m. at St. John's, Smith Square, S.W.1.

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